

School Community Council Meeting Minutes
Ridgeline Elementary School
Monday, November 4, 2013

Present: Dr. Higgins, Mindi Beck, Shanna Carroll, Kenneth Shulsen, Jennifer Fairbanks, Susan Westover, Laura Harris

Absent: Ashleigh Spencer, Sherrie Russell

1. Minutes were approved for Sept. 9th meeting
2. Roll was taken; Folders containing pertinent Community Council items were distributed by Shanna Carroll.
3. Dr. Higgins presented information as to where Trust Lands money was put this year. \$51,101 dollars was budgeted for the following:

Extended Day Kindergarten (100 days)	7,076.40
Full-time aides for K, double dose, etc.	32,631.14
Benefits for the above teachers and aides	8836.63
Reading Horizons	1,900
Supplies	656.83
Totals	51,101

*In addition to the above, the district matched \$6,600 with the school to pay double dose aides
4. Approval of bylaws, rules and procedures moved to end of meeting (because of time, members were invited to read by laws, etc. on their own. These items will be approved and signed at the next meeting in February).
5. Kenny Shulsen reported on property behind school; it is in dispute with many entities and will not be developed anytime soon. Development across from the school is moving quickly. Mr. Shulsen will meet with Dr. Higgins to look at the house bill known as the Neiderhouser bill to have a better understanding of it prior to the new legislative session.
6. School programs and fundraisers were discussed. Cookie dough fundraiser cleared \$8,500. Possibility of not having a fundraiser next year and discussion of classroom donations. Cell tower adds 1,800 a month to the school which goes into the general fund which supplements field trips, supplies, and technology, etc
7. Concerns parents have about the new math program were discussed. Idea brought up to educate parents about the online help available to them.

8. School pictures had several glitches; Dr. Higgins discussed problems with the vendor. He will look into other options for the future.
9. Gifted and Talented: Knowledge Bowl, Battle of the Books, Brain Pop, Raz Kids and the school choir and orchestra are all programs to help students in this area. Dr. Higgins expressed his desire for many students to take advantage of the orchestra program, noting that music training is very beneficial for children. Dr. Higgins detailed all of the technology put into the school this year. This includes 110 I-pads, 45 Kindles and 40 new computers. Glitches with new math groupings in grades 4-6 are working their way out.
10. Reading Horizon, new phonics program, in grades K-3 is being implemented. This will be a strength to our students.
11. Two movies, 'Touch the Future,' and 'Earning for Education' were shown.
12. Meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.
13. Next meeting will be February 24, 2014 @ 3:30.