

School Community Council Minutes
Monday, September 22, 2014
3:30 AM

Attendance: Ken Higgins, Sherrie Russell, Wendy Condie, Ron Dressler, Shanna Carroll, Mindi Beck, Susan Westover, Andrea Park, Sherry Schomaker. Celeste Dodge arrived late.

Approval of minutes

- March 24, 2014, minutes were approved through email on June 17, 2014, by Shanna Carroll, Mindi Beck, Ashleigh Spencer, Jennifer Fairbanks, Susan Westover, Ken Higgins. Sherrie Russell was absent.
- A motion to approve the June 10, 2014, minutes was made by Mindi Beck. Shanna Carroll seconded the motion.

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Yay: 7 Celeste Dodge was absent Nay: 0
The SCC meeting that was scheduled for September 15, 2014, was changed to September 22, 2014. The date change was approved unanimously through email.

1. All members verified the accuracy of their contact information. Ron Dressler added a home telephone number.
2. Future SCC meeting dates were confirmed and accepted. The meeting dates will be posted on the website and E-Communication.
3. Ken Higgins gave the council an update on school staffing.
 - a. Our enrollment is currently at 960 with five teachers in Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th grades. There are four teachers in both 5th and 6th grades. Our enrollment is up about 30 more students than we ended with at the end of the 2013 – 2014 school year.

- b. We were authorized to hire a fifth kindergarten teacher one week before school started. Authorization was also given to hire a 3rd grade teacher, Tami Valgardon, the Thursday before school started. There are two new teachers in kindergarten, Jennifer Dajany, Heidi Reckling; Tycee Shake in 1st grade; no changes in 2nd grade; Tami Valgardson in 3rd grade; Leisa Worlton (intern last year), Megan Little and Jennifer Koop (previously PE teacher), Sydney Miles in 4th grade; Steve Millward in 5th grade; and Paisley Hall in 6th grade. Ridgeline Elementary has a great staff.
- c. PTA membership included 100% of our staff.
- d. Class sizes are good. Kindergarten class sizes are about 25 students each. With the approval to hire another 3rd grade teacher, our 3rd grade classes now average 25.

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- e. We have also been given funding for aides. The kindergarten aide was part of the Trust Lands proposal. District money was allocated to add another aide for the new kindergarten teacher. Aides were also approved for 2nd, 4th, 5th, and 6th grades.

- 4. Shanna passed out a folder to each member that she had prepared with basic information regarding meeting dates, list of responsibilities, rules of order and procedures, items and dates to be posted on the school's website, election checklist, Trust Lands information, and bylaws. Shanna asked the council to read through the bylaws. The bylaws will be discussed at the next meeting. Bylaws should be reviewed every year.
- 5. Bylaw 7 discusses attendance at meetings. A member must attend 60% of the meetings in order to vote. If you are going to be absent, email Shanna to let her know.
- 6. Ken discussed the use of Trust Lands funds.

- a. This year funds will be spent on kindergarten aides, double dose for 1st, 2nd, 4th and 5th grades, and a \$2,000 stipend for the four teachers who coordinate double dose. We received a matching grant from the district to pay for one half of double dose. Funds will also be spent on 4th, 5th, and 6th grade trackers. \$200 has been set aside for conferences, \$1,000 for Professional Development that will be held as a cluster, and \$1,000 for the Cites and other conferences. There may be some grants available to help support these other conferences.
 - b. The breakdown of how Trust Lands money will be spent is:
 - i. Kindergarten aides: \$27,309.44
 - ii. Optional kindergarten: \$9,125.15
 - iii. Double Dose program: \$10,702.78 (\$15,000 - \$4,297.22 from a matching grant from the district)
 - iv. Tracker for 4th - 6th grade: \$3,055.56
 - v. Professional Development: \$1,000
 - c. Ridgeline may possibly not have a fundraiser this year. PTA has also cut back on some of their expenses. Past goals have been accomplished. There won't be a push for class sponsors, but class donations are still appreciated. Ken will write a letter to the parents explaining this.
 - d. Alpine School District has adopted a new financial program, Alio. Ken explained how we will be handling class donations on a school level because of the new program. Donations are not required; they are optional. The letter will also inform parents that PTA and school donations are tax deductible.
7. Test results will be coming out the end of October. It will be different than what we are accustomed to. SAGE, CRT, and Adaptive CRT have changed. A new core has been added.

Test results are available for parents' information on Skyward.

8. Shanna has been serving as SCC Chairman and Sherrie Russell as Vice Chair. Elections are required every year.
 - a. Wendy made a motion that Shanna serve as Chairman again this year. Seconded by Ron.
 - b. Susan made a motion that Sherrie serve as Vice Chair again this year. Seconded by Ken.
 - c. There was one vote for both motions.

Yay: 8 Nay: 0

9. The next SCC meeting will be held Monday, November 3, 2014, at 3:30.
10. Ken expressed his appreciation to the council for their contribution and willingness to serve. He informed them that he has attended meetings to seek ways to make a better situation for Succrest. Over one half of our schools used from Succrest.
11. The council watched and verified that they had watched two Trust Land's DVD's, as is required each year. The DVD's were "Touch the Future," and "Earning for Education."
12. The meeting was adjourned.