

School Community Council Minutes
Monday, November 3, 2014
3:30 PM

Attendance: Ken Higgins, Shanna Carroll, Wendy Condie, Ron Dressler, Celeste Dodge, Sherrie Russell, Sherry Schomaker, Allison Plummer. Susan Westover and Mindi Beck were absent.

Approval of minutes

A motion was made by Wendy Condie to approve the September 22, 2014, minutes. Seconded by Sherrie Russell.

Yay: 7 (Susan Westover and Mindi Beck were absent)

Nay: 0

Review rules and procedures

Council members were asked to review the copy of the rules and procedures that were given to them at the last meeting. The heading will be changed to *Ridgeline Elementary Rules and Orders of Procedure*. No other changes will be made.

Bylaws

Council members were also asked to review the copy of bylaws that were given to them at the last meeting. All present signed the bylaws. Signatures will be obtained from Susan Westover and Mindi Beck.

Testing

Ken Higgins discussed SAGE testing with the council. We should receive a copy of the test results for each student for parent information by Friday, November 7. Parents can also review the results on Skyward beginning November 10.

Ken shared a sample of the SAGE test results and showed the council how to interpret the data. Interim testing in February, SAGE in April/May, and interim testing again next fall will establish a comparative chart.

Ridgeline did well compared with the State and Alpine School District. Ken shared those percentages.

Language Arts:	State	42%
	Alpine School District	49%
	Ridgeline	56%
Mathematics:	State	39%
	Alpine School District	48%
	Ridgeline	60%
Science:	State	44%
	Alpine School District	53%
	Ridgeline	59%

A discussion was held regarding the district's A. L. L. program. Ridgeline was not able to sponsor this program because of our expanding size. All of the classrooms are being used. We do not have the space to support this program since it would increase enrollment. Ken noted that about one third of our teachers have had A. L. L. training, which has been a great boost to the school and students. Ridgeline will continue working with students with high abilities and place them in classes with teachers who have had this training.

Audit Letter

Shanna Carroll shared the results of the Trust Lands audit. Ridgeline was one of the schools audited and did very well.

The reason for Ridgeline's carryover of \$9,705.68 was because wages for last year's aides were based on step 3's higher wage of \$10.50 rather than the step 1 wage of \$8.54. Benefits were also calculated at a higher rate. Ridgeline's increased growth was also a factor.

The carryover has been allocated to technology. The purchase of Chromebooks is being considered. The cost would be about \$14,000. Funds could also be drawn from textbooks and Smith's Earn and Learn donations to cover the total cost.

Professional Development

The Professional Development for teachers on October 20 was held as a cluster. It was geared towards Professional Learning Communities and ties into Monday's collaboration. Grade levels met with their clusters and came away with some good ideas.

The March 9, 2015, Professional Development may include Blooms Taxonomy and Hess Depth of Knowledge that emphasizes higher levels of thinking and understanding rather than memorization.

Transportation

Changes to the bus stops in Suncrest are scheduled to be implemented on November 11. Multiple bus stops have been added as a trial basis. Parents will be informed by the weekly E-Communication, School Messenger (automated phone calls), a parent meeting at the Community Center in Suncrest, and maps handed out to the bus students.

The next meeting will be held February 23, 2015.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm.