

**School Community Council Minutes**  
**Monday, February 23, 2015**  
**3:30 PM**

*Attendance: Ken Higgins, Shanna Carroll, Sherrie Russell, Susan Westover, Mindi Beck, Wendy Condie, Ron Dressler, Jenn Fairbanks (PTA President), Amber Bonner (District Community Council)*  
*Celeste Dodge was absent*

Approval of minutes:

A motion was made by Ron Dressler to approve the November 3, 2014, minutes. Seconded by Shanna Carroll.

Yay: 6 (Celeste Dodge was absent and Mindi Beck had not arrived when the vote was taken)

Nay: 0

Stakeholders Report:

Ken reviewed the 2014-2015 Stakeholders Report with the committee. He discussed the language arts, math, and science scores. Also discussed was student enrollment with the explanation that most of our new growth has come from Suncrest. Staff information and Trust Land funds were addressed.

Growth:

Class sizes in relationship to the number of teachers were discussed in conjunction with the Stakeholders Report. Ridgeline Elementary has been fortunate in being able to get teachers allocated in order to maintain our class sizes.

Health/Safety Update:

Safety concerns were addressed at the November 3, 2014, SCC meeting. Additional discussion was held at today's meeting as follows:

- a. Sanitizing: Ridgeline has been fortunate this flu season because absentee numbers have not been excessive. That may be attributed to warmer weather this winter and high-touch areas being kept sanitary.
- b. Risk Management: The school, playground, type of glass, fire extinguishers, etc., is checked on an annual basis for compliance. The kitchen/lunchroom also has risk management requirements that have to be met. Safety precautions are a priority in regard to the children.
- c. Safety Committee: Ridgeline has a number of safety procedures in place. Ken distributed a handout of the district's safety committee meeting. He noted that Ridgeline is following the security measures discussed at the district meeting.
  - i. When checking students out, parents are required to sign students out in the office. If a parent is unknown to the office staff, ID is

required. Custody issues have to be on file, and the office staff is aware of these situations.

- ii. Parents and guests are required to sign in and wear a visitor's badge.
  - iii. The staff is required to wear their ID badges.
  - iv. If someone is in the school who cannot be identified, the staff is asked to notify the office.
  - v. All entrance doors are kept locked during school hours with the exception of the main front doors and one back door. The back door is left unlocked to allow students access to the school from the trailers or during recess.
  - vi. There is a panic button in the office that will automatically close the fire doors in case of an emergency.
  - vii. A total of nine drills are held during the school year – fire, intruder, and earthquake. Ridgeline will participate in the state-wide great shake-out.
  - viii. The Lone Peak cluster has an emergency radio network system that can access a central command. If telephones go down, we are still able to communicate with others in the Lone Peak cluster.
  - ix. In case of an intruder, all classrooms have blinds that can be closed. Classroom doors are to remain locked during the day. The possibility of a magnetic strip or magnet is being considered that would allow students entry to the classroom but would also allow a quick way to close and lock the door if necessary.
  - x. All classrooms have three windows facing the hallway. Ken informed the committee that one of the three windows needs to be visible.
- d. Bus stops in Suncrest have been changed since the last SCC meeting. There is still an issue with parents parking/dropping students off on both sides of the road. This is a safety concern and causes congestion. Suncrest is trying to get parents to understand the importance of parking on just one side of the road. Parents seem to like the new bus stop arrangement better.

#### School Updates:

- a. Rocky's Reading update: The students have done a wonderful job with the Rocky Reading Program. The students and teachers seem to like it. There has been more class recognition as opposed to individual recognition. There has also been days when every class has met and even doubled their goals.
- b. Battle of the Books will be held next week and will culminate next Friday with student and teacher teams. The winning student team will go on to district competition.
- c. Knowledge Bowl is underway with parents heading up the program.

### Trust Lands:

- a. Current programs: This year, Trust Lands money was allocated to aides in kindergarten, leveled reading books, and teacher conferences/professional development. Carryover money was used to purchase Chromebooks with \$10,000 coming from Trust Lands and \$4,000 coming from textbooks. The double dose matching grant and extended kindergarten for struggling students was also implemented with Trust Land funds.
- b. Additional programs: Ken would like to continue these same programs next year but is open to other ideas. Susan Westover suggested adding a double dose class on Fridays for struggling math students and requested teacher aides in the first grade classes. Ken would like to purchase another set of Chromebooks. He will put some numbers together and submit it to the SCC for their review and approval. A decision needs to be made by the end of March.

### Other items:

- a. There was a discussion regarding recent bills in legislation - revenue cap changing from 2% to 5% and Internet filtering. PTA has been instrumental in overseeing the Trust Land funds.
- b. Ken has requested that a double trailer be brought in next year, because we don't have any empty rooms. Kindergarten teachers are currently having to share classrooms.
- c. We will have two interns next year who will be placed where there is a need.
- d. The School Improvement Plan will include double dose and lower grade reading. This is similar to what we are doing this year.
- e. Amber asked if the committee had anything they would like her to take back to the District Community Council. There were no items. She is planning on attending our next meeting.

The next SCC meeting will be held on Monday, March 23, 2015, at 3:30. Let Shanna know prior to that time if there items you would like on the agenda.