

School Community Council Minutes
Monday, November 9, 2015
3:30 PM

Attendance: Ken Higgins, Shanna Carroll, Susan Westover, Wendy Condie, Veronica Reginato, Pete Gallant (TSA), Kristina Adams, Leslie Payne, Jill Hanson. Sherrie Russell, Mindi Beck, and Ron Dressler were absent.

Approval of minutes:

A motion was made by Veronica to approve the September 14, 2015. Seconded by Susan Westover.

Yay: 5

Nay: 0

Absent: Sherrie Russell, Mindi Beck, and Ron Dressler

Student Council discussion:

The student council advisors - Jessica Rose, Leslie Payne, and Kristina Adams – attended the meeting to receive SCC's recommendations.

- a. Cut number running. Forty students ran for student council this year. Twenty would be better. Some type of screening may help reduce the number of those running. Wendy suggested having two student councils that could be divided throughout the year
- b. How to screen those running. Jessica said they have talked about phasing out voting. Other options were discussed. Teachers or a committee with pre-determined questions could interview nominees. It is important that the nominees are well liked, well behaved, and have leadership skills. Grading could be done on a point system. Another suggestion was that interviews be conducted in front of the 6th grade students, and they would ask the questions. Also, their nominating speech could be given to the 6th grade only. The speech could be about why they want to run for student council. 4th and 5th grade students would not have to be involved. An advantage of campaigning is it gives students a chance to talk to people.
- c. Primary elections could be based on nominees doing some sort of service project and eliminate the campaigns.
- d. Limits on spending. It is fun for the students to campaign, but limits need to be placed on spending. Suggestions were to not allow stickers, limit the amount of candy given, buttons could be given, and the number of posters could be limited to three - five. A flyer telling about the student could also be permitted.
- e. Twelve on the student council is a manageable number. The current student council could make a video showing next year's student council what the position entails. The student council advisors will take these suggestions under advisement and come up with some solutions.

Digital Citizenship (Internet safety)

- a. School: Jill Hanson prepared a handout with information regarding computers and devices in the school for student use. She discussed passwords, Google email accounts, cyber bullying, management and control/supervision of computers, no

social media on their accounts, Internet safety, etc. Parents are required to sign an AUP (Authorized Users Permit) before their children can receive a password or account. Without this approval, students cannot have access to the Internet work being done at school. An Internet safety assembly was held October 22. It is good for the public to be aware of the safety measures that are in place. Shanna felt that the SCC could create a sub committee to help educate parents. The council decided to inform parents of the school's Internet safety procedures by including the district and school reports in the weekly email communication on 11/11/15. In addition, this updated information will be posted on the school's website.

- b. *Keeping our Students Safe Online H.B. 213*. The council reviewed H.B. 213 and the importance the district places on Internet safety. Emphasis is placed on filtering, management and supervision.

School Improvement Plan (SIP)

Every year we have to create an SIP that is linked with Trust Lands.

- a. DRA vs. DIBELS. DIBELS is a quick review to see how students are progressing. DRA is more detailed. A third set of chrome books has been ordered and is supported by the SIP. The chrome books are being used for math and testing. The SIP goals for 2015 – 2016 state, “The number of students passing benchmark in grades K-3 will improve by 2% or more over this year’s testing. This will be measured by DRA testing. SAGE testing will be used to compare scores for improvement between end-of-year testing 2015 and the end-of-year testing 2016. Students in grades 4-6 will improve by at least 2% in the number of students making proficiency in math as tested on SAGE.
- b. DIBELS data. The 1st grade students came from kindergarten needing improvement in their letters and sounds. District wide, all 1st graders are low. Some teachers will attend a Reading Horizons training next week that strongly emphasizes phonics. The DIBELS testers are coming from the outside and don’t have an attachment to the students, which is a benefit. A new program, Wonders, is being piloted in 4th grade this year. Next year it will go school wide. Susan said math in 1st grade is just as much of an issue as reading. There was some discussion on how to improve math skills in 1st grade (a program similar to double dose, share an aide, pull students out during math, parent volunteers). Math was not included in the SIP for lower grades. That may be a consideration for next year. The SCC will make that determination after numbers have been released in January.

DIBELS			
Grade	Significantly Below Benchmark	Below Benchmark	At Benchmark
Kindergarten	7%	11%	82%
1 st	30%	25%	45%
2 nd	10%	11%	79%
3rd	9%	9%	82%

School updates

- a. Knowledge Bowl began last week. Callie Bott and other parent volunteers are working with the students.

- b. Battle of the Books is under way and will cumulate in March. This is a fun program that encourages students to read.
- c. Music/Choir. It was necessary to move the music classroom from room 139 to a smaller room, 207, this year because of growth. We were planning on a portable trailer, which did not materialize. More student growth is anticipated next year. This will affect the number of classrooms available.

District bond and projections:

Shanna and other council members attended a meeting that addressed district bond and projections. Further discussion was held at today's meeting regarding growth at Ridgeline since the split with Traverse Mountain. Enrollment has increased by 300 students since then, and the area continues to grow. There is a possibility that a new elementary school could be built in Lehi.

Other:

Ken expressed his concern with safety on the street in front of the school, 11800 North. We experienced a near miss in the crosswalk last week, so we are training the students via intercom announcements on safety. Students have been cautioned to not go in to the crosswalk until the crossing guard is there, and bikes or scooters must be walked in the crosswalk. We will be monitoring this more closely. It was suggested that a buffer zone be painted at the crosswalk. This would require approval from Highland City/police.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00. The next meeting will be Monday, February 1, 2016.