

School Community Council
February 1, 2016
3:30 pm

Attendance: Ken Higgins, Shanna Carroll, Susan Westover, Wendy Condie, Veronica Reginato, Pete Gallant (TSA), Sherrie Russell, Mindi Beck, Jennifer Moulder (community member), Amy Peterson (PTA president elect). Ron Dressler was absent.

Approval of minutes:

A motion was made by Veronica to approve the November 9, 2015, minutes. Seconded by Sherrie.

Yay: 7

Nay: 0

Ron Dressler was absent

Stakeholders Report:

The Stakeholders Report was reviewed. The report highlights 2014-2015 test results, student and staff statistics, and Trust Land funds.

Growth:

Preschool online registration was scheduled for today, February 1, 2016, at 10:00. Because of the large number of people trying to access the website, the server crashed. The online registration has been rescheduled for February 5, 2016, at 7:00 am. Kindergarten pre-registration will be held March 29. The following shows class sizes for this school year.

Grade	Number of classes	Number of students
Preschool	4	54
Kindergarten	5	108
1 st grade	5	128
2 nd grade	5	132
3 rd grade	5	151
4 th grade	5	145
5 th grade	5	156
6 th grade	4	118

Heath/safety update:

- a. Sanitizing. Ridgeline's head custodian, Billy Lynch, does an excellent job of sanitizing the high-touch areas to help reduce the spread of germs.
- b. Risk management survey. Cameras are being installed in the new schools. Security systems were installed at Ridgeline when it was built, such as after-hour alarms.
- c. Safety Committee. The SNAP (Student Neighborhood Access Program) handout was discussed. Jennifer Moulder said she is addressing issues with Highland City being out of compliance with road safety requirements near the school. The School Community Council will take Ms. Moulder's comments under consideration, and further discussion will be held at the next School Community Council Meeting on March 14, 2016. Ms.

Moulder also asked the council to write a letter to Highland City requesting improvement of safety measures for children crossing Highland Boulevard to get to and from Ridgeline.

- d. Bus stops in Suncrest/others. Additional bus stops will be available at Skye Estates when construction is closer to completion. These bus stops will be for Timberline and Lone Peak schools. The snow levels blocking access to sidewalks for the elementary children is a concern.
- e. Physical facility priorities, tables, entryway. The tables in the lunchroom need to be replaced. The original manufacturer has gone out of business, but replacement of similar and higher quality tables is a good possibility. Ken has requested that the columns in the outside front entrance of the school be enclosed. The columns, as they currently are, make snow removal difficult.
- f. Stage curtain. Ken has requested that a solid curtain be installed on the stage that could be closed and locked. This would prevent children from playing on the stage and could be used for other activities.
- g. Buffer line. A buffer line at the crosswalk has been requested for the safety of children while in the crosswalk. The council discussed the possibility of purchasing cautionary signs to be placed at the buffer line for added safety.

School update:

- a. Student Council. The Student Council advisors met with the School Community Council during the November 9, 2015, meeting to talk about recommendations for the 2016 – 2017 Student Council elections. The advisors took their suggestions under advisement and finalized their plans for the next elections.
- b. Plans for Rocky's Readers, Battle of the Books, and Knowledge Bowl are well under way. There will be a kick-off assembly for Rocky's Readers on Thursday, February 4. The program will run from February 4 – 29. The goal is for the students to read 750,000 minutes in that period of time. Battle of the Books is also well under way. The competitions will be held February 29 – March 4. There will be 4 Knowledge Bowl teams.
- c. Attendance program. Ken gave the council a handout of the Lone Peak cluster attendance data for the 2015 school year. Ridgeline had 68 students absent 10% or more, and 349 students who missed 10 days or more. In an attempt to encourage better attendance, an exceptional attendance program will reward the children who meet the criteria for January, February, and through May.

Christmas Sing:

The Christmas Sing was held on Thursday this year rather than on Friday as in the past. The program on Friday has conflicted with parties held on that same day. Ken asked the council for their opinions. The general consensus was that holding the Christmas Sing on Thursday worked well. Suggestions were made to shorten the program to one song per grade level with the hope that parents would stay for the entire program if it lasted for 45 minutes rather than an hour and a half. It was also suggested that the class waiting to sing be in the gym ready to move to the stage. As one class leaves the stage, the waiting class goes on the stage. The next grade comes in and waits for their turn to perform.

Trust Land Funds: Current Trust Land funds are being used for kindergarten aides; extended kindergarten; double dose aides in 1st, 2nd, 4th, and 5th grades; and 4th, 5th, and 6th grade trackers. A discussion has held on providing double dose students both math and reading. Susan Westover shared her success with the reading program she is using with 1st grade; and Mindi Beck shared her success with the resource students.

Ken would like to purchase one more set of 40 Chrome Books for technology with Trust Land funds. The sound enhancements used in the classrooms need to be replaced. The council suggested that the sound system in the multi-purpose room be improved/updated.

Testing: The middle of the year test results show that the students' scores were similar to the beginning of the year even though more had been added to the current testing.

The next meeting will be Monday, March 14, 2016.

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