

# School Community Council Meeting

(January 10, 2017)

## In attendance:

Shaun Brady  
Brooke Foess  
Steve Greene  
Janet Cherrington  
Melissa Brown  
Erin Whitaker  
Dr. Vallen Thomas  
Cara Lafferty  
Mindi Thatcher

## Absent:

Lyndsey Jarman

### 1. Welcome and Open

The meeting was called to order.

### 2. Approve minutes

Motion to approve minutes - Erin Whitaker

Second the approval - Mr. Greene

VOTE: Unanimous approval of the minutes.

### 3. Discuss Progress on 2016 - 2017 Trust Lands Plan

Dr. Thomas led the discussion. Spoke about our Character Ed. Assembly and how successful our Stand4Kind initiative has been this year. The Stand4kind initiative has really taken hold and has gone to another level. Dr. Thomas took some time to thank Mr. Goodman, Mr. Brady, Ms. G., and Mrs. Willis for their work with the student council on the Stand4Kind initiative.

**Trust Lands Goal # 1** The percent of k-3 students reaching the reading benchmark on DIBELS will be 80% at the end of the 2016 - 17 school year.

Knowledge	Skills	Disposition
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Know	Do	Be
Learn	Apply	Become

Once the DIEBLS come in we will be able to see how effective we've been.

**Trust Lands Goal # 2** The percentage of students achieving proficiency will increase by 2% in all tested subjects at the end of the 2016-17 school year as compared to 2015-16 school year.

Flex time is made possible by Trust Land funds. Aids take the classes and allow teachers to work with smaller groups in order to remediate and extend students in the core areas.

Summer Collaboration Grant was given to the 5th. Grade Team. They worked on Language Arts.

Trust Lands also paid for a Literacy Conference at UVU.  
The Annual BYU learning conference is coming up in March.

Technology in the building

10 ipads were purchased

35 Chromebooks and a cart were purchased. This will be our roaming computer lab.

We've purchased STEM technology.

Dr. Thomas illustrated how an Ozobot works.

There was a training on how to use some of the STEM devises. About half of the staff took home some STEM technology over the Christmas break so that they could learn to use that technology.

We will probably purchase 16 additional Chromebooks.

We need to purchase some ipads to replace those that are dying.

Sylvia McChord is our Ed tech. She's been great working with teachers and keeping track of the technology.

Dr. Thomas says that he is very excited to see where the progress monitoring is working.

During professional development, teachers who attended conferences will be given an opportunity to share their knowledge with the rest of the staff. The information that is gained from a conference is dispersed to the rest of the faculty.

The March conference will take place after our professional development day, but the teachers who have been chosen to go, have already been giving information to train the rest of the faculty on.

#### **4. STARS Report**

We have 4 paid tutors

53 students referred to STARs

40 currently on schedule for 30 min tutoring sessions, 2x/weekly

23 first grade students

10 second grade students

4 third grade students

3 fourth grade students

2 students have graduated from the program.

3 students referred to SLCC/IEP services

Applied for and received \$500 grant from USBE to purchase additional books for STAR. Proposed order includes information tests for lower levels (A-G)

We do familiar rereads

Author's perspective

Comprehension activities

Key details and Main ideas

We encourage the students to cite the evidence in the book to determine different things.

Students work on site words.

There are 4 or less students who are on the waitlist. However, most of those kids are receiving extra help from the progress monitoring program. The teachers are given an option to switch students out mid-year.

Tutors are encouraged to communicate with the teacher as much as possible regarding student progress.

Brooke Foess - Says that STARS has been very effective with her own kids.

STARS is meant to help student progress from red to yellow. Progress monitoring is meant to help kids progress from yellow to green.

#### **5. Technology Implementation Report**

Dr. T made a hand out for this.

#### **6. Potential Proposals for the 2017 - 2018 Trust Lands**

Dr. Thomas - Language Arts is the area that we need to improve the most.

K - 3 Read

4 - 6 Writing

Going forward we want to build some experiences that the kids can write about.

We want to get away from having kids pay for field trips. SAGE elementary has built in funds for field trips that tie into the Language Arts core. We want to use Trust Lands funds to help create experiences for students to seriously read and write about in the Science and Language Arts content areas.

We've been exploring ways to better utilize the computer lab. Foothill created a "maker space" A "makerspace" is a dedicated lab meant for learning various things. You build a "makerspace" based on what the kids need to learn. STEM project resources are also stored in a "makerspace," so that teachers have easy access to all that they need in order to easily create meaningful learning activities. Our makerspace will be a work in progress for the next few years. STEM is not always electronic. STEM activities traditionally require multiple skill sets to complete. STEM - Math - Science - Language Arts creation activities. Dr. Thomas asked that we read the Learning Space Transformational article that was provided.

### **7. Public Comments / Questions**

Westlake High - made a banner of all the kids who achieved over 30 on the ACT, 11 of those kids were from Mrs. Gurr's class.

### **8. Adjourn Meeting**

Brooke Foess moved to adjourn the meeting  
Cara Lafferty seconded the motion.

**The Vote was unanimous to adjourn the meeting.**

## **School Community Council Meeting**

(October 18, 2016)

### **In attendance:**

Shaun Brady  
Brook Foess  
Steve Greene  
Lyndsey Jarman  
Cara Lafferty  
Erin Whitaker  
Dr. Vallen Thomas

### **Absent:**

Janet Cherrington  
Melissa Brown

## 1. Trustlands Funding - Vallen Thomas

- a. Will continue to be used to fund flex time
  - b. TSA and Mr. Brady have helped to create a Literacy intervention program - Amplified programming
  - c. Aids have been trained on how to give the Dibels testing
  - d. Progress monitoring by the aides will help determine when students have mastered a concept.
  - e. STARS is still being used to help students who are in need of reading interventions.
  - f. Progress monitoring is done k - 3
    - i. Progress monitoring will be used to help give kids who are almost getting a concept the push that they need to obtain mastery.
    - ii. Teachers will work with the teachers for more intensive interventions.
  - g. STARS is available to the upper grades as well.
  - h. DRA - is used to assess students fluency. It is no longer reported to the district. It is used to guide reading instruction in the upper grades.
  - i. Trust Lands will be used to help replace some technology.
    - i. Ipads
    - ii. Lap top computers
    - iii. Mastery Connect is not paid for by trustlands funds.
    - iv. Myaccess is not funded by trustlands
  - j. Trustlands are being used to purchase new computer carts.
  - k. Trustlands will be used to purchase TV's for classrooms.
    - i. We have \$4,000 extra which can be used to purchase more TV's.
2. Specialty Teachers.
- a. The Specialty teachers who were chosen to stay, where chosen because of seniority.
3. Music - We have several teachers who have music backgrounds.
- a. Music is being taught by several teachers within their classrooms.
4. We have about 35 teachers

## 2. Election Results

- a. Chair - Lindsay Jarman - Voted in by unanimous decision -
- b. Brook Foess - Proposed
- c. Cara Lafferty - Seconded the proposal
  - i. 7 Yes
  - ii. 0 No
  - iii. 2 absent.
  
- b. Co-Chair - Brook Foess - Voted in by unanimous decision
- c. Cara Lafferty - Proposed
- d. Erin Whitaker - Seconded
  - i. 7 Yes
  - ii. 0 No
  - iii. 2 absent.
  
- e. Secretary - Shaun Brady - Voted in by unanimous decision
- f. Brooke Foess - Proposed
- g. Erin Whitaker - Seconded
  - i. 7 Yes
  - ii. 0 No

iii. 2 absent.

### **3. Adopt meeting schedule & Rules of Order & Procedures**

#### **Vallen Proposed**

#### **Cara Lafferty - Seconded the proposal**

iv. 7 Yes

v. 0 No

vi. 2 absent.

1. Tuesday, November 8
2. Tuesday, January 10
3. Tuesday, March 7
4. Thursday, April 13

### **4. Rules of Order**

Cara Lafferty - Proposed That we keep the same rules of order.

Lindsay Jarmin - Seconded

vii. 7 Yes

viii. 0 No

ix. 2 absent.

### **5. Meeting Adjourn**

Proposed that we adjourn the meeting - Lindsay Jarmin

Steve Green - Seconded

x. 7 Yes

xi. 0 No

xii. 2 absent.