

Traverse Mountain Elementary School Community Council

Meeting Minutes

September 11, 2013

Members present: Natalie Hill, Kim Kosoroc, Janelle Wride, Matt Smith, Ilene Strong, Britt Rohde, Kristy, Knowlton, Stephanie McDonald (PTA), Austin Cowley, Dee Lawler, Krista Isaacson, April Leder

Members not present: Rachelle Funk

1. Welcome: Natalie Hill—10:05 am
2. Introduction of new members/Appointment of new parent member
Kim nominated Matt Smith to be appointed to be on the council.
Natalie seconded the motion. All approved, voting is unanimous, nomination passes. Welcome Matt!
3. Election of New Council Chair and Vice Chair
 - a) Natalie nominated Kim to be the Council Chair. Britt seconded the motion. Nominations are closed.
All approved, voting is unanimous, nomination passes.
 - b) Austin nominated Dee for Vice Chair. Natalie seconded the motion. Nominations are closed. All approved, voting is unanimous, nomination passes.
4. Schedule for SCC Meetings for 2013-2014 school year
3rd Thursday of each month at 3:45
October 17th
November 21st
January 16th
February 20th
March 20th
April 17th
5. Trustlands Allocation—Principal Strong
Last Spring we had a proposed 2013-14 Budget of \$35,833. We planned to allocate as follows:
--\$31,500 for personnel
--\$2,000 for professional development and teacher training
--\$2,333 supplies

We recently experienced some important changes to the details of this funding and school needs.

1. Our grant was increased to \$46,294
2. Our personnel needs have decreased

Principal Strong proposed that we adjust our allocations as follows:

- \$7,000 for personnel
- \$2,000 teacher training/professional development
- \$2,000 subs for grade level teacher training
- \$2,333 Supplies
- \$32,961 Equipment (technology, hardware, software, furniture, etc.)

The Council discussed different ideas for the use of the grant money. Some of the suggestions were:

- add other technology
smartboard app
make all classrooms up-to-date with equipment (projectors, iPads, etc)
- Increase personnel
- Participate in: Lesson Studies”, get ½ day subs
- Address concerns for inevitable growth that we expect

Krista moved that we approve Principal Strong’s plan with the proviso that we as a council make decisions about how the equipment money specifically will be used.

Austin seconded the motion. All approved, voting is unanimous, nomination passes.

6. Training videos

Natalie reminded everyone that we need to watch the Trustlands Training videos in time for the next meeting. She will send us all a link to them.

7. Safety

There was a review of the “no wheels in the building” rule. It is a great success.

Observation that many kids don’t lock up their bikes etc.

Discussion of the problems lately with a predatory man approaching kids

-There had been a lack of problems until just yesterday when a mom reported another sighting of the man.

-Ilene has been in close contact with the police. She will keep the community aware of any new information.

8. Community Concerns

1. We know we will have some population growth in the next year or so. We discussed some information that Principal Strong had about the projected growth. The actual projections are that there will not be such quick growth as many of us had expected. The School District is very expert at making plans for future growth.

2. Future School Grants—we had a very brief discussion about this.

3. Natalie asked if there would be someone who would take on the task of being the Council’s Fundraising Representative. No one volunteered for this. Ilene will publish a request in the school newsletter asking for parents and families to help with fundraising. Kim said she would write an article for Ilene to include in the school newsletter.

9. School Board Meetings

Austin said he would plan on being our representative at these meetings. He said if he were unable to attend, he would be sure to find a substitute from our council to attend in his place.

10. Natalie moved to close the meeting

Krista seconded. Meeting Adjourned 10:56 am