

SCC Minutes

January 21, 2015

Members present: Kim Kosorok, Dee Lawler, Brandon Berglund, Jenny Timmerman, Lisa Taylor, Christina Ahlstrom, Rachelle Funk, Alison Smith, Gillian Gremmert, Mindy Widdowson, Natalie Hill, Britt Rohde, Matt Smith, Ilene Strong, Austin Cowley, Janelle Wride

Member excused: April Leder

Visitor: Karlie Walker, Lori Brown

Meeting called to order at 3:40 pm

1. Christina Ahlstrom moved to approve last months Minutes, Natalie seconded the motion, unanimous approval.
2. School Improvement Plan. We had a discussion about several different elements that can help us make decisions about our School Improvement plan for next year.
 - a. SAGE results
 - b. Chronic Absenteeism and Tardies
How can we change people's mindset about the importance of student attendance?
 - c. Teacher's list of ideas for School Improvement Plan

- Kindergarten:

- Math, refine curriculum to fit standards
- Aides to assist in teaching

- 1st Grade:

- Aides so we can do flex time
- Incentives to increase attendance and on time patterns
- Kindles and headphones for students during small group time to work on reading support apps

- 2nd Grade

- Aides so we can do flex time
- Better training for aides so they are an asset to our teaching
- Coaching and mentoring teachers during lesson studies

- 3rd Grade

- Focus on writing
- Increase keyboarding skills
- Address absenteeism

- 4th Grade
 - Aide during math block of time (1 hour)
 - Writing: A COW on each grade level

- 5th Grade
 - Math aides with training of aides so they know upper grade math
 - COW, better support and better equipment

- 6th Grade
 - Writing, more COWS
 - Utah Compose data collection

- Other ideas
 - Hire a teacher an hour a day to be an on site computer tech
 - Fund Master Connect and NWEA
 - Summer Collaboration
 - DRA August testing
 - Continued Professional Development

State law requires an annual K-3 Reading improvement program goal. This is specific to the **School Improvement Plan**. Trust LANDS should be an extension of our school improvement plan. So, Trust LANDS funds should support parts or all of our SIP.

3. Expenditure of funds--expenses and ideas to amend the current expenditure plan
 - a. Battle of the Books
 - b. Worldbook ebooks
 - c. Guided reading library
 - d. Mastery Connect
 - e. Ipad apps

Amendment Proposal:

Natalie moved to change \$4500 from salary and employee benefits to equipment hardware and \$500 from professional and technical services to software. Britt seconded the motion, unanimous approval.

(6 teachers, 8 parents were present and voted yes) (Brandon had to leave early and April was excused.)

Ilene will follow the amendment process with the District

4. Next month, we need to be prepared to vote on the School Improvement Plan and develop the wording for it. Some things to think about for consideration will be aides,

technology, training aides, additional IT/Tech guys....get creative to solve the problems!

5. Safety Issues
 - a. Traffic patterns are working well, but we need to be constantly reminding drivers about the rules.
 - b. A new front door remodel was suggested by some people to increase security. It would cost \$28,000. Ilene will send out a survey to determine parent's interest in this and ways we could accomplish it. Could the security level be increased with simply a buzzer and a security camera?
 - c. Lunchtime changes—some lunch times have been changed to facilitate the testing schedule.
6. Good News
 - a. We have received some big donations to the 5th grade field trip fund thanks to a letter writing campaign carried out by the students. Notable donors were IM Flash and Merit Medical.
 - b. We had an outstanding result with our Christmas pajama drive. We were gratified by amazing local generosity.
 - c. Show Choir is preparing for another show
 - d. Lego League—one of the teams has moved on to the next level of competition. They were remarkable for their work and for the fact that they had done so well in only their second year on competition.
 - e. We appreciate Hampton Inn and Texas Roadhouse for their donations to the Teacher of the Month gifts.
 - f. Spelling Bee will be coming up on February 18th
7. It was reported to us that our school has the *second highest outstanding debt* to the cafeteria in the entire Alpine School District. We are not happy with that!
8. There was a lengthy discussion about the boundary issues for our area schools.
 - a. There is a proposal to encourage, and support the new bill initiated by Senator Osmond that would provide for \$30 million to be used for building a new Junior High, and for purchasing more technology resources. Kimberly presented the possible outcomes that would result from the success or failure of these proposals.
 - b. Ilene is now on the boundary committee, which will give us some representation that we feel we really need.
 - c. There are population problems (either too many students in some, and declining populations in others) in all area junior high schools.
 - d. There was a proposal for the SCC to draft a letter explaining the high stakes we see that are at risk, and try to mobilize some community action in the Traverse Mountain area. Kimberly will work on that letter and it will be sent out by Ilene to all parents upon approval from the district.
 - e. We should do what we can to get the bill passed

9. Kimberly adjourned the meeting at 5:21 pm