

SCC Minutes
February 18, 2015

Members Present: Natalie Hill, April Leder, Dee Lawler, Austin Cowley, Ilene Strong, Kim Kosorok, Janelle Wride, Alison Smith, Jenny Timmerman, Lisa Taylor, Rachelle Funk, Christina Ahlstrom

Members Absent: Matt Smith, Mindy Widdowson, Brandon Berglund

Meeting called to order at 3:52

1. Janelle moved to approve last meeting's minutes, Christina seconded, all approved.

2. Review of the our School Improvement Plan for 2015-2016

Our goal: Traverse Mountain Elementary wants to improve our English Language Arts (ELA) scores.

We had a brief discussion about the proposed plan. Janelle moved to accept the plan, and Lisa seconded the motion, all approved.

3. Amendment Changes

Ilene explained the changes that were made. After discussions with the district regarding our class sizes, they agreed to pay for 6 hours a day of aides to help in first grade. This generosity from the district allowed us to move \$7500. Because of that, we are able to shift our funds to different categories. We decided to shift as follows:

- a. Move \$7500* from Salary Employment Benefits to Equipment Hardware
- b. Move \$1500 from Professional and Technical services to Equipment Hardware

*--\$7500 was an estimate made by Ilene and Austin in looking at our numbers.

With those shifts in fund categories, we propose to buy 32 Chrome books, 2 carts, mouses from the Equipment Hardware fund, which would be augmented to a total of \$9,000. We will make purchases as far as the budgeted money will take us.

Natalie moved to accept this plan, April seconded, all approved

There was a brief discussion about our concern that there might not be sufficient tech support. Kim reported that the district is aware that there are problems in this area and they are working on solutions.

4. Goals for the Trustlands Plan for 2015-2016

We had a discussion about our goals.

Our goal: Traverse Mountain Elementary wants to improve our English Language Arts (ELA) scores. To do this, we have two goals:

Goal #1—Reading

Goal #2—Writing

Our Trustlands Funds will be about \$60,000

On March 9th there will be a meeting of teachers. Ilene will be discussing these goals with the teachers then, and she will summarize the content of that meeting and email that to the SCC members for review. We will have a discussion and a vote at the SCC meeting in March.

5. Ilene suggested that we send out a Parent Survey. She showed us her proposed questions and we discussed them. We agreed that this will be a good idea to help us improve our performance.

6. Good News

Cheryl Dominguez was selected from 2500 teachers as one of 10 from the District to receive the Alpine Foundation Excellence Award.

Spelling Bee—This has been a great event which culminated today with Stella Stoddard (5th grader) winning. She will go on to the next level.

Lego League—our school won 4th place in the Robot competition.

Princess Ball was a great success! It was a beautiful night, it was well attended, and everyone had a good time.

The 6th Grade Valentine's Dance was also a great event.

7. Boundary Update

Kim reports that there is NOT a firm plan to have a new elementary school in our area. We are worried about the obvious overcrowding that is in our future. She recommends that we write to the district powers-that-be and make ourselves heard.

8. April brought up that right now our state is in the middle of a legislative session. Their decisions might have some bad consequences for public school. Some powerful lobbies are trying to influence them to decide to funnel most of the money to charter schools. She also recommends that we make ourselves heard.

9. Next meeting will be on March 18th.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:00