

Traverse Mountain Elementary
School Community Council Minutes
September 10, 2015

Present: Shelli VanOrman, Mindy Widdowson, Rachelle Funk, Kim Kosorok, Julie Hunt, Natalie Hill, Matt Smith, Melissa Kirkham, Diane Lewis, Dee Lawler, Gillian Gremmert, Christina Ahlstrom, Britt Rohde, Ilene Strong, Thom Paul

Excused: Jenny Timmerman, Austin Cowley

Visiting: Miranda Timpson

Called to order by Kimberly at 3:50

Kim helped to introduce everyone.

1. Elections:

- Rachelle moved to open elections for council positions, Britt seconded, all approved
- Rachelle nominated Kim to continue as SCC Chairperson, Matt nominated Mindy.
- Natalie moved to close the nominations, Diane seconded, all approved.
- In a close vote conducted by Ilene, Kim won the position.
- Diane nominated Dee as the Co-Chairperson /Secretary, no other nominations, Dee continues in the position.

- Mindy was appointed as the executive assistant to the Chairperson.

2. Meeting Schedule for 2015-2016

3rd Wednesday of the month

October 21

November 18

January 20

February 17

March 16

April 20

Christina moved to adopt these dates, Rachelle seconded, all approved.

3. Approval of the minutes from the last meeting (April 2015)

The only error was that Britt Rohde was listed as absent, but she was, in fact, present.

Britt moved to approve with the amendments, Rachelle seconded, all approved.

4. Review of Trustlands Expenditures

- Ilene showed the google doc with the spreadsheet of the 2014-2015 projections and actual expenditures. We also studied the 2015 projections.
- We discussed the current state of repair of the computer equipment as we discussed future allocations.
- Teachers brought up the need for more headphones. Parents were interested in Ilene's suggestion for students to bring headphones

from home. Ilene will put a notice in the next email.

- We discussed the fact that we really need more hours of an I.T. guy
- We discussed ideas for keeping the computer labs and C.O.W. s. in good repair.
- Britt advocated for new chromebooks.

5. Class Size—Concerns

Kim explained the current school population and district's limited resources and the related problems that arise for our school. Her main point that she wanted to communicate was that as we grow, we must be committed to speaking up and making our voices and desires heard at the district/public forums, or the similarly-crowded school in Saratoga Springs may edge us out in getting the new facilities

She congratulated Melissa Kirkham and her friends who did make their needs known and succeeded in getting a bus to be contracted to make a pick up in the Edge Homes area. This group is a good example of what will be needed from us and the rest of the community in the months to come.

6. Required videos

Kim informed us that the Trustlands videos are no longer required to be viewed each year, but several Council members mentioned that they were worth watching. The can be found on the SCC website

7. We had a FUN first night together at the before school training

8. Thom Paul –Good News

Today's *Day of Caring* was a complete success

9. News and questions

- Austin
- Britt is running the “Lego League” and it’s going well.
- Natalie asked about the broken solar speed sign on Chapel Ridge Road, and the need for more safety measures installed at the corner of Whisperwood and Chapel Ridge Road
- Ilene let us know that on September 28th there will be a construction project happening
- Shelli VanOrman—She will be heading up the school celebration and awareness campaign about Internet Safety

5:02 Meeting was adjourned