

Traverse Mountain Elementary
School Community Council – Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, April 15, 2015 in the Library

Meeting called to order by Dee Lawler at 3:47 P.M.

In attendance: Dee Lawler, Ilene Strong, Austin Cowley, Gillian Gremmert, Allison Smith, Christina Ahlstrom, April Leder, Jenny Timmerman, Mindy Widdowson, Rachelle Funk, Brit Rohde

Excused: Kim Kosorok

Absent: Matt Smith, Natalie Hill, Lisa Taylor, Janelle Wride, Brandon Burgland

Reviewed meeting minutes for SCC from March 18th, 2015
Approval of the meeting minutes: Motioned by Christina Ahlstrom; seconded by Jenny Timmerman; Minutes approved unanimously

Ilene gave an update on the current spending on the Trustland funds for the 2014-2015 school year: we are on track for proposed spending for this year; Ilene is still watching the numbers for proposed spending on substitute teachers and aides as there are several more weeks before the end of the school year and those expenditures could change during that time.

Reviewed the final proposal for the Trustland goals for 2015-2016 school year. Ilene informed us that the Trustlands website for submitting our goals to the state is not available yet; it is projected that the website will be operational in the next few days and Ilene will input the proposed 2015-16 plan once the site is available.

Discussion on the Take Home Reading (THR) program for the K-2nd grades. The program is hard to maintain because of the time commitment for volunteer parents, but we feel like the program is vital to reading success in our school and is a benefit to our proposed Trustland goals as well. It is proposed that we potentially pay an aide to help run the THR program so that it can be more effectively managed. Funds for this would come out of the money allotted to the teacher/paraprofessional line item from the Trustlands budget proposal.

We specified that any extra funds that might come to the school from the Trustlands money would be used to supplement any line items in our proposed budget that are already allotted a portion of those funds.

Several members of the SCC are up for re-election next year. We will look up on the state site to see which members need to be nominated for re-election if they want to continue to serve on the council. Parent members we think are at the end of their term include: Kim Kosorok, Rachelle Funk, Janelle Wride. We will verify this.

Voting in the elections for new SCC members for next year are slated to occur on Back to School night (scheduled for September 2, 2015). Applicants would need to get their nomination submissions in at least 10 days before that time and would be posted by Ilene to the public for their consideration.

There is a proposal to alter the SCC bylaws after the next election in the fall to state that members who have been elected to SCC, but who have a certain number of unexcused non-attendances at meetings be released from the council and an alternate be elected in their place.

The first meeting for the fall for SCC is scheduled for September 16, 2015 at 3:40 P.M.

Good News moments presented by Austin Cowley:

- Drums Alive program in P.E. has been a huge success with the students – it incorporates both counting (math skills) and physical exercise.
- Teacher Appreciation Week went very well at the school. There was great support from parents and the 2 lunches provided from PTA (one from Texas Roadhouse & one from Costa Vida) were free of charge from the vendors.
- Teacher of the Year went to Alison Moschetti & Employee of the Year went to Lisa Christensen. Congratulations to them. Also, Gillian Gremmert and Britt Rohde both passed their Praxis exams.

The district is adopting a new literacy program for next year. Two options are under consideration (Journeys from Houghton Mifflin Harcourt and Wonders from McGraw Hill). Four open public review meetings have been scheduled throughout the district for parents to attend to review the programs and give feedback. Times and dates for those meetings are available from Ilene or in the school front office.

Meeting adjourned by Dee Lawler at 4:22 P.M.