

Traverse Mountain  
School Community Council  
March 23, 2016  
*Minutes*

*Present:* Mindy Widdowson, Natalie Hill, Matt Smith, Julie Hunt, Kim Kosorok, Christina Ahlstrom, Gillian Gremmert, Rachelle Funk, Shellie VanOrman, Jenny Timmerman, Austin Cowley, Britt Rohde, Diane Lewis, Dee Lawler, Ilene Strong

*Absent:* Melissa Kirkham

*Visiting:* Lyndsay Detro, Thom Paul

Called to order at 3:46

1. Review of the minutes: All reviewed the minutes of the last month's meeting. Britt moved to accept the minutes; Natalie seconded the motion, all approved.

2. Review of 2015-1026 expenditures:

<b>Expense Item</b>	<b>Amount Spent</b>
Salary and Employee Benefits	22421.25
Professional and Technical Services	8055.00
Textbooks	4396.00
Software	6795.00
Equipment Hardware	3526.44
TOTAL	45193.69

We discussed these expenses, and what our plan was for the balance during the rest of this year. Our proposal is that we use the surplus funds for:

- a. adding more money to the teachers and paraprofessionals fund
- b. outfit the new portable classrooms with projectors, screens, ELMO's and other needed equipment.
- c. Purchasing more MacBooks to add to our partial MacBook Cart.

Christina moved to direct Ilene to use excess money in the budget as proposed. Natalie seconded the motion, all approved.

### 3. Setting Goals and for 2016-2017

Our proposed goals for English Language Arts are:

- For all grades, we propose a goal of a 2% increase in proficiency.
- For grades K, 1, 2, and 3, we will use Dibels testing to ascertain students' proficiency, comparing spring to spring.
- For grade 4, 5, and 6, we will use SAGE testing to ascertain students' proficiency, comparing spring to spring.

Our proposed goals for Writing are:

- All grades will maintain a student writing portfolio, adding writing samples at the beginning, middle, and end of the school year.
- For grades K, 1, 2, and 3, we will use a grade level rubric for the portfolio writing samples to ascertain proficiency.
- For grade 4, 5, and 6, we will collect the portfolio writing samples, and we propose goal of a 2% increase in proficiency in the SAGE writing assessment.

Natalie moved to adopt these goals as proposed. Mindy seconded the motion. All approved.

### 4. Proposed Expenditures for 2016-2017

<b>Expense Item</b>	<b>Amount Spent</b>
Mastery Connect	5465.00
Summer Collaboration assistance	7650.00
Equipment Hardware	17531.00
Brain Pop	2300.00
Battle of the Books	3000.00
Paraprofessionals	19328.00
i-Ready	2500.00
Professional Development	3500.00
Substitutes	5500.00
Digital Citizenship	2000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>68774.00</b>

Rachelle moved that we approve the proposed budget. Julie Hunt seconded the motion, all approved.

5. We want to review at a later time the following future needs:

- guided reading books
- a phonics program.

6. We will ask PTA to see if they would be willing to assist with the fingerprinting subsidy.

(We asked Lyndsay Detro, who was a visitor at our meeting today, to pass along this proposal).

7. At the next SCC meeting on April 27<sup>th</sup>, grade levels that wish to apply for our Summer Collaboration assistance should be prepared to make their proposals. Also, grade levels should be prepared to make their choice known about Mastery Connect on that day.

8. Next year's Growth predictions

We looked at the map of the area and Kim showed us all of the MANY new dwellings being built in the next year. She had learned that if we get bond approval in November elections (this is more than likely to occur), we would have new school construction beginning right away.

9. Good News—We have had lots of recent successful programs and activities:

- a. Princess Ball
- b. SHREK
- c. Battle of the Books
- d. Spelling Bee

10. Meeting adjourned at 5:05