

School Community Council Minutes

September 7, 2016

Members present: Dee Lawler, Austin Cowley, Rachelle Funk, Diane Lewis, Rebecca Richards, Brooke Wilson, Christina Ahlstrom, Mindy Widdowson, Shellie VanOrman, Jenny Timmerman, Natalie Hill, Julie Hunt, Paul Findlayson, Melissa Kirkham, Ilene Strong, Jannelle Wride

Members Excused: Stephanie MacDonald

Visitor: Adriana Castaneda

Called to order at 3:45

Approval of new SCC members

Leadership election

1. SCC Chair—Natalie nominated Mindy, Mindy accepted; Mindy nominated Natalie, Natalie declined. Mindy is accepted as the new Chairperson
2. SCC Co-Chair –Dee is nominated by Jannelle, Dee accepts. Dee is accepted as the new SCC Co-Chairperson

Meeting Schedule for the school year 2016-2017

We propose that the meeting will be held on the 1st Wednesday at 3:45
(Exceptions are no meeting in December, no meeting in May, and moved to the 2nd week in April because of Spring Break)

Dee moved to approve this schedule, Jannelle seconded, all approved.

Approval of the last meeting's minutes

Christina moved that we accept the minutes. Rachelle seconded and all approved.

School Improvement Plan Goals

We discussed that we planned to use the goals from last year with adjustments as noted in the following:

Goals Written in April, 2016:

Reading Goal

We will improve the percentage of students reading on grade level in K-3 by 2%, from 87% in 2016 to 89% by Spring 2017. Our 4-6 grade students will make progress by increasing the percentage of students at the proficiency level on the SAGE assessment by 5%, from 49% in 2016 to 54% by Spring 2017.

Writing Goal

Students in grades 3-6 will increase writing proficiency by 5% on the SAGE assessment from 49% in 2016 to 54% by Spring 2017.

Suggested Amended Goals September, 2016

Reading Goal

We will improve the percentage of students reading on grade level in K-3 by 2%, from 81% in 2016 to 83% by Spring 2017. Our 4-6 grade students will make progress by increasing the percentage of students at the proficiency level on the SAGE assessment by 5%, from 52% in 2016 to 57% by Spring 2017.

Writing Goal

Students in grades 3-6 will increase writing proficiency by 5% on the SAGE assessment from 52% in 2016 to 57% by Spring 2017.

Natalie moved to accept the changes to the goals in the School Improvement Plan. Julie seconded, all approved.

Review of Trustlands Expenditures:

Our Expenditures for 2015-2016:

Expenditure	Amount
Salary and Employee Benefits	\$26,557.75
Professional and Technical Services	\$9,368.98
Textbooks	\$4,460.09
Software	\$7,375.00
Equipment Hardware	\$13,139.83
Digital Citizenship	\$2,000.35
TOTAL	\$62,902.00

Discussion of School Growth and Population

Ilene explained the method used by the school district to decide how many teachers the school can hire. She showed the breakdown of the numbers and population. Many parents are worried about the large numbers of students in the 5th grade classrooms. Ilene showed how this situation will be decided by the district based on the school wide numbers, should significant changes occur. The chart below shows the numbers she discussed.

	Track Requests		Gender		Total per grade	# of Teachers Hired	# of Students per class	District's FTE Count	District's # of FTE	
	A	B	Boys	Girls					FTE	Difference
Kindergarten	92	82	100	74	174	8	21.75	23	7.5652	-1.25
1st Grade	82	103	95	90	185	7	26.4286	26	7.1154	0.43
2nd Grade	63	92	81	74	155	6	25.8333	26	5.9615	-0.17
3rd Grade	75	92	72	95	167	6	27.8333	29	5.7586	-1.17
4th Grade	76	78	82	72	154	5	30.8	30.2	5.0993	0.6
5th Grade	79	62	71	70	141	4	35.25	32.2	4.3789	3.05
6th Grade	76	71	66	81	147	5	29.4	32.2	4.5652	-2.8
Totals	543	580	567	556	1123	41				-0.05
		1123		1123						

Amendments of last year's plan for 2016-2017

Budget ideas discussed:

1. We will be using "Lexia" instead of "iReady." Because we got a grant from the state to use "Lexia."
2. Digital Citizenship.
3. Some money will be used for computer cart repairs and additional chromebooks.
4. Aides: Aides will be used in crowded classrooms
Aides will be used in many classes to assist with double dose
Aides will be used for Flex Time

5. Discussion about “Houses” Plan

We talked about the plan to use the idea of “Houses” at our school. One of the ways that Ilene feels that it will work best is if all teachers are enthusiastic about it. She suggested that a use of our allocation would be to send teachers to a training at the Ron Clark Academy in Atlanta.

After the discussion, it was decided to go ahead and begin the process of sending teachers to this training. It will take a few years to send all of the teachers to this training

In summary, our planned expenditures for 2016-2017

Expenditure	Amount
Salary and Employee Benefits	\$26,750.00
Professional and Technical Services	\$22,300.00
Textbooks	\$3,000.00
Software	\$7,050.00
Equipment Hardware	\$18,171.00
Character Education	\$5,000.00
Digital Citizenship	\$200.00
Subtotal	\$74,927.00
2015-2016 Carry-over	\$2,544.00
2016-2017 Allocation	\$74,927.00
TOTAL to spend	\$77,471.00

Natalie moved that we approve budget adjustments as shown in the chart, Jenny seconded, all approved.

Good News

Paul has witnessed excellent grade level unity among teachers.
Discipline has been less of a problem

Meeting was adjourned at 5:45