

School Community Council

7 March 2017

MINUTES

Members Present- Julie Thompson, Dee Lawler, Rachelle Funk, Jenny Timmerman, Melissa Kirkham, Shellie VanOrman, Diane Lewis, Austin Cowley, Rebecca Richards, Christina Ahlstrom, Mindy Widdowson, Natalie Hill, Ilene Strong, Jannelle Wride, Paul Findlayson

Member Absent: Stephanie McDonald

Visitor-Brian Ridge

Called to order at 3:48

Mindy wants to remember to send a reminder email next month.

Julie Thompson was welcomed to the Council

Our next Assistant Principal, Brian Ridge was introduced and he told us a little bit about himself.

1. Review of minutes: Jenny moved to approve the minutes, Rachelle seconded, all approved.
2. Mindy gave us a review of the recent District Community Council Meeting which she attended. She told of the concern many parents have of the appropriate use of technology in the classroom. As we use so many dollars, investing in technology, is this really the best for students? Also, they spoke about the worry they expressed about teacher retention.
3. Principal Review: Ilene told us about the assessment of our school's greatest need. According to the data we have, literacy is our greatest need. We discussed what all of the troubles and concerns each grade level has, as well as the parents' concerns in order to target our goals more accurately. We talked about the percentage of improvement that would be reasonable to expect, and about the validity of the various diagnostic tests we have available to us (i.e. SAGE, Dibels, DRA, etc.). We talked about the use of SAGE and the cultural shortfall we have noticed as the students express little concern for effort during a test. We talked about the possibility of writing a letter to parents and students, expressing reasons for taking SAGE more seriously.

4. SIP Goals: Ultimately, we decided to set our goals for 2017-2018 as follows:

Our proposed goals for English Language Arts are

--For grades K, 1, 2, and 3, we propose a goal of a 2% increase in proficiency in reading. To accomplish this, we will use Dibels testing to ascertain students' proficiency, comparing spring to spring.

--For grades 4,5,and 6, we propose a goal of a 1% increase in proficiency in reading. To accomplish this, we will use SAGE testing to ascertain students' proficiency, comparing spring to spring.

Natalie moved that we approve the goals as outlined, Jannelle seconded the motion, all approved.

Rachelle moved that we approve that Ilene will move approximately \$1000 from professional development to substitutes in the budget; Christina seconded the motion, all approved.

5. Grade level wish lists:

- Kindergarten: iPads for double dose, certified teacher for double dose (before or after school)
- 1st: more iPads (1-2 per class), more aide time, Brain Pop, Mastery Connect
- 2nd: Aides, iPads
- 3rd: chromebooks, aides, iPads
- 4th: chromebooks, computer cart, laptops, headphones, Mastery Connect, aide time, paid collaboration
- 5th: chromebooks, computer cart, headphones, Mastery Connect, aide time, paid collaboration
- 6th: chromebooks, computer cart, headphones, Mastery Connect, aide time, paid collaboration, hire another 6th grade teacher, Brain Pop
- Ilene (schoolwide): Brains pop (note: the District will no longer be supporting Raz-Kids), and Ilene suggested we spend some money on a Technology Aide

6. Natalie commented that if we are going to spend money on these various items, we should also make sure we use them to the best advantage by also setting aside money to provide training, help, etc,

7. Good News—Paul

- Houses doing well,
- lunch room behavior has improved,
- bullying dissipated

8. We adjourned the meeting at 5:15