

Traverse Mountain Elementary  
School Community Council  
10 April 2018

## MINUTES

Members present: Ilene Strong, Dee Lawler, Lyndsay Detro, Jenny Timmerman, Juli Andes, Jannelle Wride, Christina Ahlstrom, Natalie Hill, Rebecca Richards, Heidi Brown, Lisa Taylor, Diane Sipos, Paisley Streuper, Rachel Kennedy, Mindy Widdowson

Members absent: Melissa Kirkham

Visiting: Lewis Young, Ashley Child, Kenzie Clement, Tara Tabrizi

Called to order at 3:45 p.m.

Review of the minutes from March:

Natalie moved to approve the minutes, Jenny seconded, all approved

Ron Clark tour report:

Ashley Child, Tara Tabrizi, Kenzie Clement, Rachel Kennedy, and Paisley Streuper gave a report about their visit to the Ron Clark school in Atlanta. They talked about the idea of having high expectations for your students, learning about the value of visiting your students before the first day of school, creating an environment where students and teachers alike want to be at school. They all felt like it was a very worthwhile trip.

## Trustlands Goals

### *2018-2019 Trustland Goals*

#### *Goal #1 Reading*

*We will improve the percentage of students reading on grade level in grades K-3 by 2%, from End of Year DIBELS 2018 to End of Year DIBELS 2019. Our 4-6 grade students will make progress by increasing the percentage of students at the proficiency level on the ELA SAGE assessment by 1% when comparing Spring 2018 to Spring 2019.*

#### *Goal #2 Writing*

*Students in grades 3-6 will increasing writing proficiency on ELA SAGE assessment by 1% when comparing Spring 2018 to Spring 2019.*

#### *Goal #3 Math*

*Students in grades 5-6 will increasing math proficiency on Math SAGE assessment by 1% when comparing Spring 2018 to Spring 2019.*

We had a discussion about our wishes, methods and goals for improvement for each student. One of our concerns was that we wondered what would be the appropriate percentage of improvement to set as our goal. Most grades felt that 1 % improvement was best for Math, Reading, and Writing, and for Reading in K-3, we would aim for 2%. It was suggested that we make all goals a 2% improvement. 6<sup>th</sup> grade raised some concerns about the extremity of that percentage and wanted to adopt the 1% instead. That led to a rigorous discussion about what percentage of improvement we wanted to work toward. It was noted that there was a drop in SAGE performance scores at the 6<sup>th</sup> grade mark, so some felt if we are behind in state results, we should increase our expectations.

Ultimately we settled on a compromise:

Mindy moved that we leave all of our Trustlands goals as listed here as they are, with the expectation that we will re-examine these goals again in the fall of 2018 and revise accordingly if our 2017-2018 scores show that we are below state average scores.

Juli seconded this motion, there was one dissenting vote (Natalie Hill), and the rest approved.

#### Trustlands Expenditures

--Our projected Trustlands funds are \$78,379

--Ilene showed us some of the projected expenses for next year

2017-2018 Budget	
Salary and Employee Benefits	33,500
Professional and Technical Services	8,800
Supplies	300
Textbooks	1,000
Equipment Hardware	24,000
Software	10,779
TOTAL	78,379

Jannelle moved to approve the minutes, Natalie seconded, all approved

#### Houses

Ilene mentioned that there would be no Houses next year. That led to a discussion about the reasons for it. Ilene told us that it was the collective

opinion of the CTL's that the investment in time and effort was not having the beneficial effect we had wanted. We will be going another way next year.

#### SCC Membership for next year

We currently have 9 parents and 7 educators (we need to have two less educators than parents) Do we want to change? Items of discussion: If we keep big numbers everyone always has to come so there are enough to vote. The plan is to see what the interest is in the fall. We will hope that seven more people are interested. Lyndsay and Diane will carry forward into next year but any others will need to fill out the form and run in an election if needed. Lisa Taylor doesn't want to continue next year as her daughter is a sixth grader this year and she will not have any children at the school next

#### Crossing Guard arrest

Ilene and Mindy filled us in on what happened with the crossing guard. He was falsely accused by a young person. He was very cooperative and willing to talk with authorities. He is back to work. According to the police there were protocols that had to be followed. They arrested him during the day because they knew where he would be and wanted to make sure that he didn't taint evidence. The accuser has since withdrawn their statement and said it was false. Crossing guard recognition day. Lisa suggested maybe a celebration of his years of service, or some of the kids are leaving Crossing Guard Appreciation Day-from school or neighborhood leave it until closer to the end of the year

Meeting adjourned at 5:15