

Cedar Ridge Community Council

Meeting Minutes

January 14, 2013

- 1) Welcome
- 2) Roll Call: Attending Members: Jeremy Brunner, Mary Candland, Debbie Reiber, Janae Shepherd, Amber Bonner, Janet Wynn, Mandy Whitaker, Gloria Pritchett, Stephanie Thomas, Kate Alger Michelle DeMille, KJ Williams.
- 3) Reviewed and Ratified Meeting Minutes from November 12, 2012
- 4) Gloria needs to update SCC contact list to include the new district's rep information and Stephanie's current email.
- 5) Discussion:
 - a) Principal Brunner presented proposed changes to the school to increase security and safety; 4 keyless entries will be added and the rest of the doors are to remain locked except for lunch and recess, 4 new cameras are to be installed to better monitor the hallways, Glass blocks are to be replaced with regular glass to improve visibility by the front office, and the possible introduction of a new parent/ volunteer check-in/sign- in system that would cross reference against the sexual offender registry. Mr. Brunner expressed some concerns due to the fact that the computers available may not support the new system. Due to the fact that some remodeling will need to take place to implement the changes, some may not take place until the summer.

Concerns were also expressed about the Kindergarten doors being locked and not being accessible since they are not going to be keyless. Debbie Reiber would talk to the other kindergarten teachers and look for suggestions to overcome the concerns.

- b) Briefly discussed upcoming safety week. Question was raised about whether parents or SCC members needed to attend to help. Mr. Brunner felt that we had enough aided to carry out the drills to help students get to where they needed to so parents were not needed but could come if they felt the need.
A Parent Pick-Up Drill still needs to be conducted. Mr. Brunner will follow up and select the parents, about 20 parents, to participate so that the teachers can run through the drill.

- c) Gathering of Ideas and Suggestions for Spending the Trustland Funds; SCC members inquired about the use and impact of the Ipads that were purchased for the school last year and whether additional Ipads could make an additional impact. Consensus by the teachers is that they are not really being utilized as first expected. A few teachers are using them on a consistent basis but most are not checking them out on their assigned day.

The teachers expressed that they felt that having fulltime access to their own 3-6 classroom assigned Ipads would be more beneficial than the current scenario. K.J. Williams expressed that a minimum of 6 would be the most beneficial since then a "goup" of students could work on them at a time.

Additional ideas discussed were:

- Take-home technology as well as after school programs were also discussed, but the concerns about the difficulty of getting students to come back after they have gone home were also brought up.
- Use of aides and their time. Most teachers felt this was very beneficial to their classroom and the students.
- Purchase of Great Books .
- Funding of Science Specialty program for gifted kids. This last year Cedar Hills sponsored 3 teams to the "Lego Robotic" Project. Westfield had 3 teams. It was brought up that projects of this nature could be opened to all children and not just the gifted ones. Stephanie Thomas brought up the idea that grant funds would be a good way to pay for something of this nature, Also corporate sponsorships were mentioned.

The majority felt that spending funds on aides and the Prime Reading Program would be in the schools best interest. Everyone was encouraged to think of additional ideas before our next meeting so the plan can be finalized.

- d) SCC Videos: Amber will forward link again to all SCC members so that they can watch the Land Trusts videos, (6 and 19 min in length.) Each SCC member is to sign a form stating that they have watched the videos. If everyone is not done viewing them by the time we meet in March then a scheduled group viewing after the meeting will be available.
- e) By Laws: Amber Bonner went through and reviewed and updated the By Laws. Changes were made to article 2, as well as updates to the number of parent members versus teachers members. They will be available on the online site and everyone is encouraged to view them and become familiar with them.
- f) Reminder was given about attending the SCC Conference in Sandy, for best practices on January 24th .

g) Brief discussion about recommendations for the Huntsman Award, in order to keep the names submitted to a few but no names were finalized.

h) Schedule of upcoming SCC meetings:

March 11th- Create Proposed Allocation of Funds
Deadline for watching SCC videos

April 8th- Finalize Allocation of Trust Lands Funds

6) Assignments:

a) Jeremy Brunner: Put a reminder in the school newsletter to remind kids and parents about the suggested safety routes

b) Jeremy Brunner: Provide names of 20 parents or so to participate in Emergency drill.

c) Gloria Pritchett: Update and distribute SCC Contact Information form

d) Amber Bonner: Forward SCC video links again.

e) Jeremy Brunner: Follow up with new teacher position and replace K. Williams.

7) Close

8) Next Meeting: Jan 14th 2013 at 2:45 pm