

## Orchard Elementary Community Council

### Minutes – February 22, 2016

*Present:* Michael Volmar, Shauna Hardy, Jodi Nichols, Ryann Parker, Dodie Webb, Alisha Foreman, Karen Kidd, Dennise LeBaron, Camie Nielson, Mindy Taylor, Trisha Burghardt

**Motion** was made to approve minutes from January 25, 2016. Approval of motion was unanimous.

Council will reach out to Linda Cox to remain on the Community Council who has missed due to personal reasons.

Dennise LeBaron gave an overview of the STEM program for this year and improvements / purchases for next year. The proposal is to break up STEM program into grades and have them meet twice monthly. No cap of number of students able to attend. Possible participation at STEM competition for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders, school-wide STEM activity twice a year, family STEM night, STEM club Olympiad (similar to Field Day). Coding, NASA and robotics programs were discussed. Help from parent volunteers, teacher advisors and business partnerships to help facilitate. Big West Oil was discussed as a possible partner in this program as well as grants from the likes of NASA are going to be explored. The Council will encourage advertisement for program at Back to School Night and SEP meetings.

Michael Volmar and Dodie Webb gave a report on MobyMax math program for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grades. This program will be purchased and licensed for whole school for \$699. Program is compatible with iPads and can be used at home. ST Math was too expensive to purchase for use schoolwide (\$50,000+ in cost).

Michael Volmar gave a technology update for the school. Audio Enhancement equipment has been approved and bought for downstairs computer room. Speakers will help when facilitating tests to keep testing environment more uniform. Security Cameras have all been installed with exception of 2 which are waiting repair.

Council discussed the generic District goals for 2016-17 school year and continue to brainstorm ideas specifically for Orchard Elementary.

Council will continue to brainstorm ideas and plans for 2016-17 school year. Some ideas have been extending SEM program to include more students possibly another SEM teacher, additional aides to help teachers with one-on-one tutoring, language programs, and math programs for lower grades.

**Motion** was made to change April CC meeting to April 25<sup>th</sup>. Approval was unanimous.

**Motion** was made to adjourn.

Next Meeting: March 21, 2016 at 4:30 pm