

Orchard Elementary Community Council January 22, 2018 Minutes

Present:

Mike Volmar, Cheri Arrosmith, Ann Clark, Maria Duggar, Megan Gordon, Kelly Lakey, Virginia Peery, Carolyn Wiberg, Alina Ballard

Approved minutes from Nov 2017 meeting

Training:

Alina Ballard shared with the council training from Natalie Gordon at SDJH concerning rules, procedures of the Community Council: parents elect parents, teachers elect teachers, the school district chooses some goals for the schools, district has the final say; our council is in compliance.

Buddy Bench follow-up:

Maria Duggar spoke with Lowe's in Bountiful. They are willing to donate the supplies for the bench. They suggested Trex so it won't warp. Mr. Volmar to check for Eagle project volunteers for building the bench. Student Service Council to educate students about bench's purpose.

Review of Data:

Some SAGE scores seem low, can be contributed to hard student pool; we are above district average for the most part. SAGE is being changed in 2019-2020 school year. Discussed concerns, positives about SAGE.

Project Lead The Way:

Ann Clark reported on her experience in the classroom. In the long run it was great. There is a definite learning curve. Her kids enjoyed it. They did some on their own. District and newspaper observed.

Every grade is participating in PLTW: Next year may be easier as it builds on prior years with learning as well as story/characters. If we continue, the school needs to fund it. There is not a lot to replace, and can use Trust Lands Funds. We are interested in continuing, maybe even adding more modules. Some info in modules require pre-teaching. Expressed concerns that more may be too much to fit into lesson plans. Discussed parent volunteers, but think they may be ineffective with the amount of pre-teaching needed. Teachers feel the program is good to get all children involved, even resource students. Groups are great to pair students that complement each other.

Leftover Trust Lands Funds will be used for technology:

1st grade iPad minis need to be replaced. Moving the tablets from downstairs to 3rd grade, replacing with desktops.

Start to think of our future goals for Trust Lands Funds

