

West Point Elementary School

Community Council Minutes

Tuesday, March 20, 2018

Attendance: Heather Butler, Cassey Stanger, Erica Garner, Becky Merrick, Becky Jackson, Rise Timpke, CodyAnn Ricks, Loren Clark, and Kaylene Yardley.

Cassey Stanger called the meeting to order.

3b) Erica Garner brought a measured diagram of the space available for the outdoor classroom. The space will be in the shape of Utah, with pathways for major highways, with native plants in their respective environments. We will look to price stone for the pathways. The geography will mimic Utah's geography. This outdoor classroom will be mapped out by students helping them learn proportions, scale, area, volume, geography, topography, etc. Park City has a native plant display that will help us determine which plants to place in each region. Mr. Clark said that ideas are needed for the extra space to the east. Some options were a dirt area for kids to play in, a butterfly garden, several hives of non-stinging bees, rocks to move, and raised plant boxes. There was a lot of interest in installing observation bee hives. There would need to be a commitment for upkeep. Darwin has a storage area that could accommodate the tools needed to upkeep a garden. Adding benches to the area was also considered. Mr. Clark will look into prices for rocks and plants. Other committee members will research native plants and their prices. It was determined that this could possibly be implemented through an Eagle Scout project (or several projects). Many projects can benefit from donations for benches, trees, cash to cover expenses, etc.

3c & 4) Mr. Clark asked the council for other ideas for school facility improvements. Mr. Clark has requested the bike racks (or a portion of them) to be moved to cement pads that will be installed on the edge of the playground in the grassy area. This will alleviate crowding at the current location, while increasing safety for students, parents, and staff members. A concern was mentioned about privacy in the boys' bathrooms. Currently there are no privacy walls between urinals and students have reported that not all of the locks on the stalls are functioning properly. Mr. Clark and Darwin will check all boys' bathroom stall locks and fix any that are not working properly. It was suggested to get new entry rugs at the main doors. The school district has replaced the carpeting in many of the other doorways to the school. It was discussed installing a railing on the east side of the school to prevent kids from crossing where the rocks are. The school could benefit from more trees. It would be beneficial to get each teacher a rolling duffel bag to upgrade their evacuation kits. It would be easier on the teachers, plus you could have a small bag of

snacks and water for each child. Each bag could have a few space blankets in case of a longer evacuation.

3a) Kaylene Yardley presented the DIBELS data. She showed a comparison of beginning of the year results to middle of the year. We compared each grade level at West Point Elementary to the district data. Kindergarten and 1st grade are above district levels. 2nd grade is very comparable to district results as well as is the 3rd grade. Then we looked at Pathways which shows what schools that are similar to us did with growth and where we currently stand this year. The middle of year data shows that our students are doing great, especially Kindergarten. The aides working with students seem to be making a difference! Our responsibility is to move all kids, regardless of their beginning of year level.

5a) The PTA spring book fair will be a BOGO fair. Monday night they will have food trucks here for families to come have dinner and go to the book fair. Each food truck will be asked to donate a portion of their sales which will be used for the “all for books” money for the fair. The PTA plans to reach out to the community and invite all area residents. It was discussed if the food trucks should be parked in the bus loop so that people passing by will see them, but it was decided that having them on the blacktop will offer better access for families to visit the book fair. It will be coined, “Oh, the places you’ll eat!” The book fair will run Monday, April 16 through Friday, April 20. Friday will be lunch with a loved one.

7a) Wildcat Olympics- David Guerrero is helping out at recess to run the activities. Sign-up is by class. Currently playing marbles and checkers, but chess is coming up.

6a) Mr. Clark shared preliminary numbers for grade level requests. For technology (laptops, iPads, carts, etc.) a budget of \$85,710 is needed. \$58,801 will come from the district refresh funds and the remaining \$26,909 will need to come from Trust Land funds. Cassey Stanger will look at the Scholastic catalog to see if the PTA can purchase computer carts there using the PTA’s Scholastic account. We have an estimated \$75,480 available through Trust Lands. Mr. Clark asked each grade level to come up with a budget, some were low, but others were over. He will comb through their requests and come up with a school wide plan. The JSSC will look at the proposals then it will be brought back to the Community Council. Plans are due by Friday, April 13th.

The council brainstormed some ideas to use in the future. The ideas included:

- Mindfulness (free to DSD employees)
- PLC-Daron Kennett
- Behavior Interventionist
- Davis Behavioral Health
- Opening Assembly M&J “self-control”
- Mindfulness minute at beginning of assemblies
- Summer projects- garden club

Becky Merrick moved to adjourn at 6:00. The next meeting will be April 10th at 3:45.