

Sand Springs Community Council

Mar. 2, 2016

MINUTES

Those present: Sara Gorham, Melanie Smith, Nancy Watkins, Cheryce Whitesides(late), Maren Zimmerman, Pat Smith, Meggan Nichols (late), RaeAnn Shelley, Melissa Skousen, Heather Dustin, John Speth

Absent: Kerri Kingston

Guest: Jody Schaap (Future principal of Sand Springs)

Previous Minutes were approved (motioned to approve by Nancy Watkins and Seconded by Pat Smith.)

Welcomed Jody Schaap as our new principal for next year because Maren will be retiring. Jody has 19 years of experience as a principal and has been at four other schools (East Layton Elem. currently). She is experienced with year round, but has not had opportunity to add an immersion program into the mix. She is excited to make our kids, her kids. ☺

Trust Land funds report:

Referred back to our SIP plan to look at projected goals for next year and possible expenditures. The district assigns our DIBELS and attendance goals. It was also decided that monies should be spent for:

- reading/math intervention aides (7@ 91.5 hours/week X \$12/hr. X 36 weeks = \$58,968.00)
- DIBELS for 4-6th grades (463 students X \$12.00/student = \$5,556.00)
- ½ day in the fall and spring for teacher collaboration (45 teachers @ \$81.00/day sub)
- Writing assembly (\$1,200.00) – PTA pays for other assembly
- 10 minutes of math intervention (by practicing math facts) by grade level each day.

The SIP meeting will be April 18th. Maren will present these proposed goals to the faculty at their next meeting to see if other goals need to be added or amended. It was also decided that a Spanish aide is needed for math (one of the 7 aides). If an opening occurs with our present reading tutors, efforts will be made to find a tutor who speaks Spanish. Cheryce motioned to approve these expenditures and RaeAnn Shelley seconded it.

School Board Community Discussion:

Maren, Meggan, Cheryce, Melanie, Sara, and RaeAnn all attended.

We are concerned that our attendance has to be at least 93% with less than 10% chronic absenteeism to maintain an “A” rating. Will do another FAQs sheet to inform parents that it affects the whole school community. Don’t think many parents know that attendance is a factor in that grade. This is one of our challenges and is compounded by year round. We are proud of our “A” rating and want to help proactively inform parents. Assignment for this wasn’t decided by Sara yet.

Discussed our school’s great stance with technology for our school. We have three computer labs, Apple TVs in each classroom, two iPad carts (32 iPads ea.), one laptop cart (35 computers) and are using replenish funds to replace iPads, projectors etc. as needed.

Our school is doing a good job with not segregating between immersion and English classes for activities. (i.e. Rendezvous, assemblies, field trips, grade levels joining for alternate subjects such as science and social studies, PTA activities, GAP, etc.)

Other questions/concerns:

Many parents sent emails to the state and district school board in support of immersion programs. They are still supporting immersion programs. Don't need more sent.

Heather brought up that the fence where the kindergarteners line up is bent up and is a safety issue. RaeAnn will talk to Julie (custodian) to fix it.

Homes are needed for our Amity Interns (from Spain). From Aug.-May, the district provides a \$250.00 stipend per month. Families would provide intern's own room, breakfast, and dinner. Maren will email parents.

The sidewalk on the south side of Gentile by the new crosswalk is in! Thanks Cheryce for all your hard work!

Assignments:

Come with suggestions to positively teach others about our current school environment.

Sarah Gorham motioned to adjourn and Melanie Smith seconded it.

Adjourned until **April 27, 2016** at 4:00 in the library.