

Sand Springs Community Council

April 27, 2016, 2016

MINUTES

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

Absent: Kerri Kingston, Pat Smith (Excused)

Guest: Jody Schaap (Future principal of Sand Springs)

Previous Minutes were approved (motioned to approve by Cheryce Whitesides and Seconded by Sara Gorham.)

School Improvement Plan:

An email was sent out for all committee members to review the new, 2016-17 School Improvement Plan prior to this meeting. Also, the SIP plan was created at a district meeting last week using information that we reviewed as a council last meeting (see minutes from March meeting).

There was discussion about our school's attendance goal. We did not meet the goal according to district policy. However, improvements have been made in that area. Also, the district is redefining truancy based on unexcused absences only, starting next year, not total absences. It was suggested we as a council do another FAQs sheet in September focusing on attendance. Including info on how it affects our school's grade and SIP goal.

Following is discussion from last month:

"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."

Maren reviewed our goals and costs associated with them in the SIP plan. We are under the 10% of monies not used at this time. The council voted unanimously to approve the SIP plan and signed in agreeance to it.

Other questions/concerns:

Unofficially – the writing scores coming in are looking great! Excited to see the official results. ☺

A bike rack has been added to the northwest end of the school. However, kids still like to use the fence to lock up bikes. Unless there's a problem, we'll leave it for now.

Assignments:

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

Cheryce Whitesides motioned to adjourn and Nancy Watkins seconded it.

Adjourned until **sometime in September** at 4:00 in the library.