

Mountain View Elementary School Community Council Meeting
Minutes
March 20, 2013
5:30 p.m.
Mountain View Elementary School Library

In Attendance: Conducting- Diana Hagen, Vice Chair, Parent-Member
Don Beatty, Principal
Tobin Hagen, PTA President, Parent-Member
Lucinda Buel, Parent-Member
Shana Lauritzen, Teacher- Member
Jay Yahne, Parent –Member
Stephanie Kinsey, Parent-Member
Cathy Siler, Teacher-Member
Nicole Roche, Parent-Member
Kyle Roche, Chair, Parent-Member

Absent: Tiffany Tuck, Administrative Intern/Teacher-Member
Thomas Walsman, Parent-Member
Paul Adams, Parent Member
Taylor Reese, Parent -Member

1. Welcome

Vice Chair Diana Hagen opened the meeting at 5:40 p.m. Vice Chair Hagen moved that the minutes from February 27, 2013 be approved. The minutes were approved without objection.

2. School Security

Signs are now posted at the entrance to Mountain View Elementary informing all visitors and volunteers that they must check in at the front office and have a badge visible at all times. The front door is the only door that is unlocked; all other doors are locked. All preschool parents now have badges identifying them as such. Principal Beatty suggested the possibility of Community Council Parent-Members members participating in a reward program for teachers: those teachers who remind a Community Council Parent–Member that they must be wearing a badge, despite familiarity, would be rewarded, possibly a \$5 gift card. There was discussion as to what times someone must check in at the front office. It was recommended that someone must check in between 8:30 and 4:30, which are Front Office hours. There was a vote to establish a rule that during Front Office hours all visitors and volunteers must check in. The motion passed unanimously. Parent Member Tobin Hagen expressed appreciation to Principal Beatty about how quickly and cost effectively this matter was dealt with.

3. Legislative Update

Chair Roche provided an update on House Bill 306 – School Land Trust Program Amendments, which passed. This bill established flexibility on election time frames, elections can now be held in the fall or spring at the Community Council’s discretion, but must be consistent for several years. This bill was primarily concerned with charter schools and did not affect the Community Councils of public schools on many issues. It was suggested that next meeting the Community Council hold a vote as to the timing of Community Council Parent-Member elections. It was discussed whether spring or fall would be more beneficial. A change back to a spring election would require a change to the bylaws passed this year. This issue will be put on the agenda for the April 24, 2013 meeting.

It was also discussed whether something should be included in the bylaws concerning Parent-Members’ attendance. It was asked if a Parent-Member misses a certain number of meetings, should they be asked to step down and if so what would the procedure be for replacing a parent member. It was suggested that those Parent-Members who are no longer able to attend the meetings be asked if they would like to vacate their position. It was asked that the members of the Community Council consider what actions should be taken.

4. Trust Lands

Principal Beatty informed the council that there have been some changes concerning the School Improvement plan and Trust Lands. The Superintendent has decided to have all schools in the district participate in the accreditation process where previously only high schools have participated. This will take the place of the school improvement plan. There is a district wide meeting on April 22, 2013 that Principal Beatty, Mrs. Tuck and Chair Roche will be attending. The goal of this meeting is to have the Trust Lands plan and school accreditation done.

The projected Trust Lands budget for Mountain View for next year is \$31,000. Principal Beatty has been asking teachers for recommendations as to where they would like to see funds spent. Part of the Trust Lands is to set a goal in a predetermined area, then budget to fit the goal. The Plan for the current year focuses on reading and math tutors, supplementing the fine arts budget and staff development. The Trust Land budget has been supplementing the music program since the loss of the Beverly Sorensen Grant. The bulk of the budget goes to the reading and math tutors. The teachers want to keep the tutors, especially in light of concerns over math scores.

Principal Beatty asked the teachers to vote on whether to have a professional development retreat this summer; the majority supported the idea. The faculty retreat is held on a non-contract day in order to give teachers more time to prepare for students returning for a new school year.

Principal Beatty explained how the tutors are utilized; Mrs. Ewell assigns the tutors where they are needed. There was also discussion of funding a summer community library program; this would cost approximately \$2,000 from the Trust Lands budget. There was discussion of how field trips were funded. Chair Roche made a motion to keep the same categories for the Trust Lands budget. The motion passed unanimously, the council will proceed with the same ratio and goals as last year.

5. Addendum-Snap Review

The SNAP plan was discussed; it was compiled by Mrs. Tuck. There were no proposed changes; it was signed by the Community Council Parent Member liaison Lucinda Buell.

6. Known Items/Issues for Next Meeting

The next meeting shall include the Trust Land plan proposal approval, setting a date for next year's elections and a follow up regarding the Community Councils initiative on attendance.

The next meeting shall be April 24, 2013. Vice Chair Hagen adjourned the meeting at 6:45p.m.