

Mountain View Elementary School Community Council Meeting  
Minutes  
October 2, 2013  
5:30 p.m.  
Mountain View Elementary School Library

In Attendance:            Conducting- Kyle Roche, Chair, Parent-Member  
                                 Don Beatty, Principal  
                                 Tiffany Tuck, Administrative Intern/Teacher-Member  
                                 Diana Hagen, Co-Chair, Parent-Member  
                                 Nicole Roche, Secretary, Parent-Member  
                                 Denise Hadley, PTA Co-President, Parent-Member  
                                 Tobin Hagen, PTA Co-President, Parent-Member  
                                 Myndee Moulton, Teacher-Member  
                                 Cathy Siler, Teacher-Member  
                                 Alina Ballard, Parent-Member  
                                 Stephanie Kinsey, Parent Member  
                                 Jamie Noble, Parent Member

Absent:                     Jay Yahne, Parent-Member

Visitors:                   Christy Jacobs  
                                 Utah State Representative Steve Handy

**1. Welcome**

Chair Kyle Roche opened the meeting at 5:35 p.m. Chair Roche moved that the minutes from April 24, 2013 be approved. The minutes were approved without objection.

**2. Representative Stephen Handy**

Representative Handy asked to speak to the Mountain View Community Council. He spoke of his pleasure in meeting with the Council and discussed the Trust Lands. He spoke about how the Trust Lands are owned by the school children of Utah and how the Utah State Legislature is working hard to get the most out of the land. He also spoke about the recently released school grading system and that while it is not perfect, it is attempting to give the school system additional transparency and provide parents a report on accountability. He discussed how it is an evolving process. He distributed information about how much the Trust Land funds have grown.

**3. Food in School Initiative – Christy Jacobs**

Parent Christy Jacobs approached the Mountain View Community Council because she has a concern about the quality and quantity of treats at Mountain View. She is very concerned about the amount of sugar students are consuming and how much they are getting between teachers, PTA parties, birthday parties and even bus drivers. She

provided the policies of Davis School District and North Davis Preparatory Academy and proposed a new policy for Mountain View. The ramifications of such a policy were discussed by the MVCC, including concerns about how this policy would affect fund raisers and how this would be enforced. There was a concern that parents would not be supportive of a change. Principal Beatty suggested the MVCC and PTA do a joint survey asking both parents and teachers of their feelings about this issue. It was decided that Principal Beatty, Chair Roche, and PTA Co-President Hagen would meet to draw up the questions. Mrs. Jacobs was also invited to submit some of her ideas for questions to Principal Beatty. This issue and the results of the survey will be discussed at the next Mountain View Community Council Meeting on December 4, 2013, at which time the MVCC would review the results and determine what changes if any would be suggested to the Mountain View Elementary school community.

#### **4. Bylaw Amendment(s)/Discussion**

It was reviewed that last year the Mountain View Community Council adopted bylaws as mandated by statute. In order to be compliant the MVCC had to adopt bylaws.

Currently there are three items that need to be discussed concerning bylaws. First, it needs to be ascertained whether or not the MVCC should have a bylaw concerning what to do if a parent-member has excessive absences, an issue discussed in previous meetings. Second, how the MVCC should go about filling the two parent-member mid-year vacancies resulting from the resignation of two parent-members as there aren't specific rules addressing the issue. Third, to bring the bylaws back into compliance with the statute, the MVCC needs to reexamine the bylaws concerning term limits.

Previously, the statute stated that parent-members may only serve three successive terms. This restriction was lifted during the last legislative sessions, but the bylaws still reflect the prior restriction. Additionally, term limits for parent-member leadership were discussed.

It was determined that the election process would act as an automatic term limit: as long as the MVCC parent-member was reelected by the community, the parent-member could be eligible to be leadership in the council. A motion to strike the lines concerning term limits in the MVCC bylaws was proposed, which passed unanimously. The matter of parent-member excessive absences was discussed. It was decided that if a parent-member missed fifty percent of the mandatory six meetings the parent-member would be asked for their resignation. It was decided that the MVCC attendance expectations need to be established in the bylaws and that parent-members be given a copy of the bylaws and agree by signing a copy of the bylaws. Co-Chair Hagan agreed to draft the wording of the new bylaw provision for consideration at the December 4 meeting.

#### **5. 2013-14 Meeting Schedule**

It was decided that the Mountain View Community Council would meet on the following days: December 4, 2013, February 5, 2014, March 5, 2014, April 9, 2014, May 21, 2014. Unless otherwise changed, the meetings start at 5:30 p.m.

## **6. Council Leadership Elections**

Kyle Roche was reelected as Chair, Diana Hagen was reelected as Co-Chair and Nicole Roche was reelected as Secretary. All votes were unanimous.

## **7. Known Items/Issues for Next Meeting**

Parent-Member Stephanie Kinsey made the Mountain View Community Council aware of the Community Council Training Council that would be held during the month of October. She attended last year and found the experience to be very enriching. She volunteered to coordinate any attendance this year.

During the December 4, 2013 meeting the Mountain View Community Council needs to view the Trust Lands training video. Additionally, during the next meeting the MVCC would go over the school budget and the results of the Food in School Survey would be discussed.

The Council meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m. and all non-Parent-Members were excused.

## **8. Parent-member vacancies**

The Parent-Members discussed how to fill the two midterm vacancies. Statute states it shall be by appointment of the Parent-Members of the Community Council. It was decided that the Parent-Members would send out a request for the names of any who would be interested in filling the remaining terms of the two vacant seats. After names are received the Parent-Members will vote on the applicants at a special meeting November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at 6:00 pm.

The Parent-Member portion of the meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.