

Mountain View Elementary School Community Council Meeting
Minutes
May 21, 2014
6:00 p.m.
Mountain View Elementary Library

In Attendance: Conducting- Kyle Roche, Chair, Parent –Member
 Tiffany Tuck, Administrative Intern/Teacher-Member
 Nicole Roche, Secretary, Parent-Member
 Myndee Moulton, Teacher-Member
 Alina Ballard, Parent-Member
 Daniel Baxter, Parent-Member
 Stephanie Kinsey, Parent Member
 Tanya LaForce, Parent Member
 Jay Yahne, Parent-Member

Absent: Don Beatty, Principal
 Cathy Siler, Teacher-Member
 Diana Hagen, Co-Chair, Parent Member
 Tobin Hagen, PTA Co-President, Parent-Member
 Jamie Noble, Parent Member

1. Welcome & Approval of March 5, 2014 Minutes

Chair Kyle Roche opened the meeting at 6:15 p.m. Chair Roche moved that the minutes from March 5, 2014 be approved. The minutes were approved by unanimously without amendment.

2. Report on Next Year's Trust Lands Plans

The district decided to not fully accept Mountain View Elementary School's Trust Land Plans as written. The reason for the plan not being accepted was the AR program. The district has decided it will no longer be participating in the AR program. Because Principal Beatty always buys a year ahead, Mountain View does have the AR program through 2015. However, next year, Trust Land funding cannot be used for the AR program. Presently there is no specific plan by the district to replace the AR program. Principal Beatty was able to get the Trust Lands Plan approved at the last minute by switching the funding to technology. Because of this the school was able to purchase 22 new iPads and hopefully will be able to purchase an additional 4 iPads. These iPads will be used for classroom checkout.

The district has stated it will not approve any purchase orders for the AR program regardless of funding source. It has been decided not to continue the program due to other schools having used the program as a teaching and even testing tool as opposed to the incentive program it is meant to be. Because of this misuse and mismanagement, the district will no longer approve any use of the program.

The parent members of the Community Council expressed their support of the AR program and their disapproval of the district's decision. A letter writing plan was discussed to raise the council's concern about dropping the program without replacing it. A motion was made for Chair Roche to write to the district to represent the council.

The Trust Land Funds are projected to be \$46,000. The plan as written and amended uses approximately \$45,000, leaving a small bumper if needed. The bulk of the funds, approximately, \$29,000 will go to reading and math tutor salaries and benefits. Additional funds will be used for stipends for a professional retreat, library books, technology, and a stipend for the art teacher. Technology had included \$8,000 for software, IXL and AR, the bulk of which was earmarked for the AR program. \$5,000 of those funds will now go toward the purchase of iPads. Additionally, \$800 had been earmarked for the ISQ survey.

3. 2014-2015 Elections Planning

The Council needs to set a schedule for Community Council elections. The schedule must be based upon statute; however the required time period has been relaxed this year.

The elections must be wrapped up by October 20th; this is the deadline for school and Trust Lands websites. Any vacancies must also be filled by this time. (It should also be noted that Jamie Noble has expressed her intent to vacate her seat for the 2014-2015 school year.)

The schedule should go as follows:

- Mid-August – request for nominations printed, put in Monday folders by PTA (nomination form should include request for statement of intent/bios with instructions to e-mail them to either Principal Beatty or Chair Roche)
- August 25 (first day of school) – request for nominations go home in first Monday folder
- August 28 – reminder of nominations at Back to School night
- September 5 – nominations due
- September 8-10 – prepare ballots
- September 15 – ballots home in Monday folders
- September 19 – ballots due to office
- September 22-26 – count ballots, notify winners
- October 8 – first council meeting, gather info for website
- October 20 – council info must be posted to website

According to statute, the council has the discretion to choose either spring or fall to hold elections; however, this schedule needs to be followed for 4 years.

There are currently 8 voting parent positions and 1 PTA President voting position. Four of these positions will be open each year to a vote. Additionally this year, there will be at least 1 vacated position that will need to be filled by the council.

4. Known Issues/Items for Next Meeting

The next meeting will be October 8, 2014, following elections. Chair Roche and the other council members expressed their gratitude to those on the council who have been willing to serve.

The meeting was dismissed at 7:15 p.m.