

Mountain View Elementary School Community Council Meeting
Minutes
March 29, 2017
5:30 p.m.
Mountain View Elementary School

In Attendance: Conducting- Kyle Roche, Chair, Parent-Member
Chris Mudrow, Principal
Erika Stewart, Assistant Principal/Teacher-Member
Meggan Baxter, Vice Chair, Parent-Member
Nicole Roche, Secretary, Parent-Member
Tanya LaForce, PTA Representative
Jason Hall, Parent-Member
Melissa Rueschhoff, Parent-Member
Ginger Paxman, Teacher-Member
Phouangchit Kounthong, Teacher-Member

Absent: Jen Thompson, Parent Member
Julie Baer, Parent-Member

Visitors: Brigit Gerrard, School Board Member
Mendy Gardner, STS

1. Welcome

Chair Kyle Roche opened the meeting at 5:45 p.m. Chair Roche introduced Brigit Gerrard, our Davis School Board representative, and thanked her for joining us.

2. Approval of January 25, 2017 Minutes

Chair Roche presented the proposed minutes from the November 16, 2016 council meeting. A motion was made to approve the minutes by Principal Mudrow and was seconded by Meggan Baxter. The minutes were approved without objection.

3. Air Quality and Idling

Chair Roche asked that this issue be tabled until next month as the guest who would like to present the issue was unable to attend.

Principal Mudrow did inform the council of some of the concerns with air quality, particularly that Mountain View bases its air quality from a monitoring device located in central Layton and not local to our school. It has been proposed that the school consider either funding or asking for donations to provide air quality indicators at Mountain View.

4. SNAP Plan

Vice Principal Stewart presented the Safe Neighbor Access Plan (“SNAP”) to the council. She reminded the council that the SNAP plan was the plan that evaluated safe routes to the school and other external safety concerns.

Safety at Mountain View has long been a concern for the council, particularly the situation in dropping and picking up students. Last year, U-turns in front of the school were a concern, and the school was able to post “no U-turn” signs on school property, though it was unable to get help from the city. Riding bikes to school has been a repeated topic over the years. As present, the MVCC has upheld its prior recommendations that Mountain View continue its policy of not having students ride bikes to school.

Traffic continues to be an issue, and despite many requests to the contrary, Layton City has determined that Mountain View does not have enough traffic to warrant school zone signs, signals, or the like, as recently as last spring. Meggan Baxter made a motion that it be stated on the SNAP plan that the Mountain View Community Council would like to recommend crosswalks, more crossing guards, and flashlights. Melissa Rueschhoff seconded the motion. The motion passed without objection

5. Discussion of 2017-18 SIP/LAND Trust Plan

Chair Roche welcomed Mendy Gardner, Mountain View’s STS to the meeting.

Kyle and Nicole Roche disclosed their conflict of interest in which they financially benefit from part of LAND Trust funds, as Nicole is employed as a tutor at Mountain View, and the tutors have been paid out of these funds. He recused both Kyle and Nicole from discussion of and any vote on the plan; however, it was asked that Chair Roche still be allowed to present the proposed plan. There was no objection.

In last year’s plan, Davis School District mandated three goals for each school, including Mountain View. This year, the district is not setting goals for the schools; instead, the schools may set their own goals from several from several district categories including literacy, “Ready for Success at the Next Level” (which may address things at the elementary level like citizenship or absenteeism), STEM, and “Teaching for Learning” (professional development). Chair Roche had a meeting with Principal Mudrow and Vice Principal Stewart last week to review faculty and administration priorities and review proposals to present a proposed plan at the present meeting.

Our new superintendent, Reid Newey, has made it known that he would like to focus on “blended learning” in which technology is given to the students as a tool to increase learning opportunities. Teachers had been presented with the option at JSCC whether they would prefer to see the LAND Trust funding be focused on technology or tutors. The teachers supported funding tutors. Chair Roche asked that it be noted that it is not all or nothing, we can find a mix of both.

The projected LAND Trust funding for Mountain View for the 2017-18 school year is approximately \$75,000.00 in new funds with a possible rollover of some unspent funds from this year.

Based on the priorities gathered by the faculty and the administration, it is proposed that we fund the following:

Literacy: instead of the current three tutors, it is asked that we fund four tutors for a total of \$24,000. Additionally, we would like to fund two mobile computer labs at \$36,000 to help facilitate the superintendent's plan of incorporating technology into learning.

Professional Development: The two-year training program with Dr. Fawson is complete. Now the teachers will continue to move forward with the help of our ELA coordinator and Vice Principal Stewart. It is asked that we fund \$8,500.00 for professional development: \$6000.00 for substitutes to enable teachers to attend PLCs (peer-led collaboration, in which teachers work in teams to establish common benchmarks and develop best practices) and continue training, and \$2,500.00 for one teacher from each grade to attend the Davis School District Summer Conference.

Technology: It is asked that we budget \$3,500.00 to ensure that our teachers have the proper technology to aid their teaching: audio enhancement for one classroom, approximately \$1,325.00; two new projectors at approximately \$643.00 each; 31 software licenses at \$10.00 each for Net Support software; 30 headphones for computer lab A at approximately \$15.00 each.

Mendy Gardner spoke on the needs of technology. She spoke about rotating projectors. While the district is eventually going to move to TVs, she would like to get projectors with multiple HDMI ports to ensure that Apple TV and the future laptops for teachers can be used with the projectors. The audio enhancement is for a classroom to help accommodate our growing student population. She explained that Net Support is a tool that the students have been using primarily in the computer labs; she would like the teachers to have the opportunity to use it in the classroom both for its safety features as well as a teaching tool.

Ready for Success at the Next Level – Attendance/Tardiness: It is asked that we budget \$1000.00 for attendance/tardiness incentives. One of last year's mandated goals was to increase student attendance, but there really were no funds that could reasonably be applied to support the goal. Currently tardiness is a greater problem than attendance at Mountain View. We are allowed to spend up to \$5000.00 on incentives for "Ready for Success".

It was suggested that we combine our efforts to combat tardiness and attendance with a focus on STEM learning, possibly by using a STEM assembly or activity as an incentive. It was suggested that we measure tardiness and absenteeism in an honor roll fashion, with students being recognized for various levels of tardiness and absenteeism.

Vice-Chair Meggan Baxter strongly advocated for a STEM program to be funded. There was discussion of a STEM club.

Even with the current proposals and no rollover from this year, this would leave \$2,000.00 in unearmarked funds based on next year's funding projections.

As the council seemed largely in agreement with the bulk of the proposals, it was suggested by Chair Roche that discretion be given to those attending the district's "Learning First" meeting on April 17, 2017 (Principal Mudrow, Vice-Principal Stewart, Chair Roche, and Vice-Chair Baxter) to put together a final proposed LAND Trust/School Improvement Plan for next year based roughly on these parameters, which would still be subject to final modification and approval by the

council at the meeting on April 19, 2017. The suggestion was made into a motion by Melissa Rueschhoff and seconded by Jason Hall. The motion passed without objection, with Chair Roche and Secretary Nicole Roche abstaining from the vote.

6. Follow-up: Safety Discussion/Supervision

Parent-Member Julie Baer, who was unable to attend tonight, asked that the issue of safety and school grounds supervision once again be addressed. She and other parents are concerned because there appears to be inconsistency with teachers monitoring the playground and crosswalks.

Chair Roche and Principal Mudrow explained that the proposed fourth tutor position is intended to help with this problem. There is discussion of adding PALs and Spectrum classes to the tutor schedule, and this fourth tutor may likely aid with that as well as be a playground duty, providing additional supervision that has not been available.

Parent-Member Jason Hall asked for the council to brainstorm some way to thank the teachers for their service as duties and crosswalk guards on the school grounds. This was discussed and will be recommended to the PTA. Mountain View Elementary is very fortunate to actually have more supervision at our school than most other schools have.

The council would like to discuss a safety week at the next meeting as previously planned.

7. Known Issues/Items for Next Meeting

Next month, we will have a large agenda as we will need to review and approve the 2017-18 SIP/LAND Trust Plan. Additionally, it has been suggested that the following issues be added to the agenda for the April 19, 2017 meeting: safety week, air quality and idling, fall elections, and scheduling the first meeting of 2017-18.

Vice-Chair Meggan Baxter made a motion to dismiss the meeting, which was seconded by Jason Hall. There was no objection. The meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.