

Mountain View Elementary School Community Council Meeting
Minutes
March 21, 2018
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
Xavie Augenblick, PTA President
Debora Baird, Parent-Member
Melissa Rueschoff, Parent-Member
Phouangchit Kounthong, Teacher-Member

Visitor: Patricia Benally, Student Teacher

Absent: Jason Hall, Parent-Member
Liz Willard, Teacher-Member

1. Welcome

Chair Kyle Roche opened the meeting at 5:38 p.m., welcoming the council members.

2. Approval of January 24, 2018 Minutes

Chair Kyle Roche presented the proposed minutes from the January 24, 2017 meeting. A motion was made by Principal Mudrow to approve the minutes and seconded by Xavie Augenblick. The motion passed without objection.

3. Teaching Funding Proposals

Chair Roche noted this is the first year that Mountain View has offered requested proposals for funding individually from teachers. He was very impressed with the number of responses and the quality of the proposals. He had previously met with the administration to discuss the proposals, and it appears all of the proposals are consistent with the school goals and fall within state funding guidelines. It now needs to be determined what will be funded.

Below are summaries of the requests:

Catherine Kohl

A request for \$475.65 for hardback copies of the book "Love that Dog" as a supplement to the reading program. This would benefit the entire grade.

Sarah Hsu

A request for \$150.00 for reading fluency software for her class.

Suelen Housley

A request for \$465.40 for math and language art manipulatives.

Jennifer Tilley

A request for \$500.00 for Hoki chairs to aid students in behavior management.

Jodi Pace

A request for \$470.77 for Hoki chairs and cushions for behavior management.

Phouangchit Kounthong

A request for \$344.97 for Hoki chairs for behavior management.

Liz Willard

A request for \$198.00 for student planners and novels.

Tricia Appleby

A request for \$496.75 for student planners and novels.

Cindy Braegger

A request for \$494.40 for student planners, folders, and solar car kits.

MariLu Lloyd

A request for \$499.80 a request for student planners and novels.

Crystal Johnson

A request for \$499.36 for student planners, headphones, folders, and books.

Second Grade Team

A joint request for \$2,400.00 for six iPads for small group instruction.

An additional request was made by Mrs. Warren; however, the administration had advised Chair Roche that the request had been withdrawn prior to the meeting.

The total for the teachers' requests was \$6,986.10. The Council also discussed the additional funds needed by the school. The administration requested that the funds for professional development increase from \$8,000.00 to \$12,000.00 to accommodate the district mandate for blended learning. Additional costs would be technology costs including computer carts for the new laptops being provided by the district, AppleTVs or Airtame devices, projectors, and other sundry technology needs at \$27,266.00; tutors at \$24,000.00, and professional development at

\$12,000.00. This is a total of \$82,586.10 with the teacher proposals. This does not fund the technology “wants” for the school, but as there are several issues up in the air, and a bit of funding remains available, the council will consider any additional requests when more information is available.

4. Personal Interest Classes Expansion

A parent contacted Chair Roche about an expansion of the Spectrum Personal Interest Classes (“PIC”) program to the regular student body. These classes usually involve a parent coming in for an hour every Friday to teach about a subject for six consecutive weeks. Past topics have included engineering, mythology, cooking, Irish dance, Star Wars, law, and cryptography. Phouangchit Kounthong expressed her enthusiasm for the idea as did the administration; however, the administration also expressed their concern about losing an hour of instruction time per week. Whereas students in a Spectrum class are above proficiency, students in traditional classes may be above, at, or below proficiency and the entire class may not be able to sacrifice this much time. While everyone on the council agreed PIC is a wonderful program, the consensus was that at this time it is not possible to have this program on a schoolwide basis as presently constituted. It may be possible to do it on a class to class level, but each teacher would need to pursue it. Principal Mudrow expressed his great desire to see more afterschool clubs that may substitute as a Personal Interest Class. He encouraged teachers to reach out to the community.

5. SNAP Plan

Erika Stewart presented the SNAP Plan to the council for approval. She noted the only changes from last year are: (1) the neighborhoods have been expanding to the north and east so the plan now includes appropriate recommendations for this area, and (2) the cycling study from the previous year is removed.

6. Possible Reschedule of Next Meeting

The SIP is due to the district on April 13, 2018, which is after the council’s scheduled April meeting. In order to have a final vote on the SIP after the district meeting, it was recommended that the council reschedule the April meeting to April 11th. There were no objections.

7. Known Issues/Items for Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on April 11, 2018. The main agenda item will be the final vote and approval of the SIP 2018-2019.

Additional items for the next meeting include planning for fall elections.

Principal Mudrow moved to dismiss the meeting, which was seconded by Debora Baird. The motion passed without objection. The meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.