

# Stewart Elementary Community Council

April 7, 2016 – 3:45

**In attendance:** Vonzaa Hewitt, Carol Lindsay, Mark Vawdrey, Robyn Huff, Pauline Bowen, Ruth Christensen, Marla Ridges, Lisa Allen, Anne Jeppesen, Amanda Keller

## Agenda Items

### ***Meet our new principal Amanda Keller.***

Mrs. Keller introduced herself and presented the Technology Plan for the upcoming school year, 2016-2017. Sixth grade teachers are voicing the need to have laptops rather than iPads in their classrooms to produce work and projects using Office 365. The council approved \$10,000 from TrustLands to be used towards purchasing laptops and a charging cart for the 2016-17 TrustLands plan.

### ***Draft a plan for new goals and determine the amount of money allocated by the Land Trust fund needed to support those goals.***

The TrustLands monies allocated for Technology has not yet been spent. Ms. Vonzaa was able to purchase needed iPads with Refresh money (DSD). The decision was made to purchase laptops with \$8,000 not spent from the TrustLands money allocation.

New Goals:

Improve DIBELS MOY (middle of year) scores by 2%. (EOY/End of year scores cannot be used because scores will not be available on time to report progress.)

- \$2,000 to pay for printing for resources and informal assessment for K-6 Language Arts
- \$1,000 instructional supplies and materials
- \$10,000 laptops and cart for 6<sup>th</sup> grade students
- \$16,000 salaries for Reading TAs

Identify and increase chronically absent students' attendance.

- \$500.00 for incentives

Teachers will continue to receive on-going professional development for Mathematics, Think Through Math implementation, 6<sup>th</sup> grade science, and plan/implement professional development strategies and curriculum.

- \$10,000 Math TAs for grades 3-6
- \$4,000 to pay for professional development and substitutes for teachers to attend Professional Development. Teachers will also hold two ½ day grade-level planning days

### ***Determine who will stay on the council for the 2016-17 year, and the possible need for a community vote next fall.***

Robyn Huff, Ruth Christensen, and Pauline Bowen are resigning from Community Council.

Lisa Allen, Marla Ridges, Carol Lindsay, Mark Vawdrey will remain on the Community Council.

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Laura Charchenko needs to be contacted to see if she is staying on Community Council.  
Laura Klein will be the PTA President, and Trisha Vogrenic will be the PTA President-elect.

***Revisit the conversation about allocating \$2000.00 for Math Night.***

The committee approved the payment of \$50.00 per teacher who prepared for and attended Math Night from TrustLands monies.

Teacher and Council Concerns from Math Night:

- The evening was not well attended.
- The committee discussed better timing, more advertising, and getting students excited for the next evening.
- Late fall or January might be a good time for the next event.
- The possibility of a STEM evening was discussed.
- Get PTA involved.
- Parents will come if their children are involved in a presentation.
- JA Taylor has well attended Math Nights.
- Some teachers were disinterested, but it is the faculty's duty to have family evenings at school.

***Begin plans for Tech Trek.***

This school year, 3 projectors and 8 TVs were purchased with Tech Trek monies this school year totaling \$11,400.00. Televisions are now being purchased by DSD for projection devices. In the long run, they save money because they do not need to be replaced every 4-7 years, and expensive bulbs do not need to be replaced. The projection for students is clear and does not dim. \$3,498 remains in our Tech Trek account for 2016 Tech Trek supplies needed to prepare for the event.

Community Council Committee Members will help to find chair and co-chairs for our Tech Trek committee by calling previous committee members to help with the 2016 Tech Trek. Amanda Keller, our new principal was given a list of parents to call to chair Tech Trek committees. What technology will be the focus?