

Central Davis Junior High School Community Council Meeting
Minutes
January 19, 2017
4:00 p.m.
Central Davis Junior High School

In Attendance: Conducting- Kyle Roche, Vice Chair, Parent-Member
 TJ Barker, Principal
 Nicole Roche, Secretary, Parent-Member
 Julie Linford, PTA President
 Kristie Bennington, Teacher-Member
 Kim Harmon, Teacher-Member
 Alina Ballard, Parent-Member
 Jennifer Perry, Parent Member
 Jay Yahne, Parent-Member

Absent: Kelly Janis, Chair, Parent-Member
 Melinda Mackey, Parent Member
 Matt King, Teacher-Member
 Shari Miller, Teacher-Member

Visitor: Matthew Lewandoski, Student

1. Welcome

Vice-Chair Kyle Roche conducted the meeting in Chair Kelly Janis's absence. Vice Chair Roche opened the meeting at 4:05 p.m.

2. Approval of October 6, 2016 Minutes

Vice-Chair Roche presented the meeting minutes from October 6, 2016. A motion was made by Jennifer Perry to approve the minutes and was seconded by Kimberly Harmon. The minutes were approved without objection.

3. Add-on Item (Discussion Only): Student Officer Election/Constitution Amendments

8th Grade Class President Matt Lewandoski asked to address the council. He is seeking to amend the Student Constitution. Currently, a student may only be elected once to office, in the 8th or 9th grade, allowing them to serve once; however, if they are appointed as a 7th grade ambassador, they are not barred from seeking elected office in the 8th or 9th grade, meaning they could serve in office twice. Matt doesn't feel that it makes sense that some students can get to serve in office twice while others can only serve once and wants to remove the restriction. Vice-Chair Roche asked several questions, including why the provision was added to the Constitution and who actually had the authority to amend the Constitution.

Teacher-member Kimberly Harmon explained that the Student Constitution was amended effective with the 2013-14 school year to include this restriction due to some difficulties that had arisen with some student officers in the past. Some of the considerations included ensuring that the opportunity to serve in office was spread around to more students rather than potentially limiting it to a select few, as well as mirroring the policies that Layton High School has with its student officers. Principal Barker stated that he would like feedback from several stakeholders, including the Community Council, JSSC, PTA, and others before a formal amendment is considered, which is ultimately decided by the administration.

Vice-Chair Roche reminded the Council that since this was an add-on item and not on the regular agenda, the Council could not take action at the present meeting, but could consider it at the next meeting which still fell within the timeframe for next year's student elections. He congratulated Matt on seeking change where he saw a need and being engaged in the process, and invited him to attend the February Council meeting and present his position again prior to a formal vote of the Council. This issue will be placed on next month's agenda.

4. Bylaw Discussion/Council Officer Vacancy

Principal Barker notified the Council that Chair Kelly Janis had contacted him and informed him that due to personal conflicts in scheduling she would have to resign as chair. Vice-Chair Roche then addressed the issue of leadership. Because the Council does not have any formal bylaws, but only has sample bylaws provided by the district posted on the website for auditing purposes, there really is not automatic line of succession. Vice-Chair Roche also expressed concern that the lack of bylaws created other areas of concern where the Council was not in compliance with state law and therefore could jeopardize the school's LAND Trust funds, including how elections are run, how vacancies are filled, and what happens if a council member moves or abandons their position. Parent-Members Jay Yahne and Alina Ballard both commented on Vice-Chair Roche's work in drafting bylaws in prior years for Mountain View Elementary's Community Council and asked if he would be willing to do so for Central Davis. Vice-Chair Roche stated he would be willing to draft proposed bylaws as a starting point for consideration by the Council. A motion was made by Jay Yahne and seconded by Alina Ballard that Vice-Chair Roche draft proposed bylaws in stages, with the first stage of the bylaws to be considered by the Council at the February meeting. The motion passed without objection.

Regarding the vacancy of the Council chair, Vice-Chair Roche asked if anyone was interested in serving. The question was asked if he was interested in serving as chair, recognizing that he is currently serving as chair at Mountain View Elementary. Vice-Chair Roche stated that he was fine serving as chair, continuing serving as vice-chair, or stepping aside and simply assisting someone else if others were interested in serving in those two positions; his only interest is in seeing the Council run smoothly for the benefit of the school and its students. Vice-Chair Roche stated that the only thing the Council had to remember is that per statute, the chair must be a parent-member, while the vice-chair may be a parent- or a teacher-member; however, it is not uncommon to consider having both positions filled by parent-members with the idea that the

vice-chair might move to the chair position the next year, especially if the parent-members are on staggered election cycles.

Parent-Member Jay Yahne indicated his willingness to serve as vice-chair with Vice-Chair Roche moved to the chair position. A motion was made by Parent-Member Alina Ballard for Vice-Chair Roche to be elected Chair and Parent-Member Jay Yahne to be elected Vice-Chair; this was seconded by Teacher-Member Kristie Bennington. Vice-Chair Roche held the motion to ask for any alternate candidates or motions. With no additional motions being made, a vote was held on the pending motion, which passed without objection.

5. 2017-18 LAND Trust Plan – Initial Discussion

Chair Roche stated that the most important role the Council likely had each year was drafting and adopting the LAND Trust Plan which determined where to allot trust monies to further specific goals. Principal Barker reviewed the three main areas the district and the Council had focused on for the current year: student achievement; college, career, and community relations; and quality staffing. He then addressed some of the programs that were addressing these areas, including literary and writing specialists, Cub skills, Lunch Bunch, professional development conferences, and Professional Learning Communities (PLCs), and the funding that was dedicated to them this year. Approximately \$90,000.00 in trust funds was granted to Central Davis last year; of that, about half went to fund these programs. The remaining approximately \$45,000.00 from last year went to fund teacher-proposed projects that fell within certain guidelines established by the state and approved by the Council last year.

Principal Barker indicated that while the funding for the upcoming year has not been disclosed yet, it is anticipated that it will be at least the same as last year. Further, the district will likely keep similar goals to what was given last year. The Council will look forward to teacher proposals at the February meeting for consideration.

6. Known Issues/Items for Next Meeting

The known items for the February 16, 2017 meeting include consideration of recommending an amendment to the student constitution, phase 1 of the Council bylaws, and teacher proposals for next year's LAND Trust Plan.

7. Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Parent-Member Alina Ballard. Teacher-Member Kim Harmon seconded the motion. There were no objections. The meeting was dismissed at 5:15 p.m.