

Community Council Meeting
December 3, 2018; 7:30 AM

Board Members in Attendance: **Amy Nielsen (Chair), Benj Becker, Danielle Ferrari (6th Grade Teacher), Michael Douglas, Adam Long, Dani Sloan, Kim Johnston (Principal), Roxanne Thacker (Secretary)**

Board Members Not in Attendance: Heather Alexander (1st Grade Teacher), Katey Evans (Vice-Chair), Michelle Gibby (Asst. Principal)

Guests in Attendance: None

- I. Adoption of Minutes from October 2018
 - A. Motion to adopt: Michael Douglas, Second: Adam Long
 - B. Vote to adopt: Unanimous

- II. Boundary Change
 - A. Passed unanimously at district level
 - B. Effective Immediately – no changes anticipated. Students in the boundary have been attending VVE generally for some time

- III. Trust Lands Monies
 - A. Teachers Aid in Kindergarten was discussed.
 - i. Currently, the district standard is 27.25 children per FTE teacher for entire school
 - B. More important to have smaller classes in lower grades – more beneficial.
 - C. Monies may be allocated to Teaching Assistant
 - D. Total for Trust Lands funding: ~\$46,000

- IV. Application for STEM School Designation, Kim Johnston
 - A. Requirements for Designation: Application is laborious. Due Jan 12th, 2019. Designation is coordinated through Utah STEM Council. Approval is based on scoring – Bronze, Silver, Gold & Platinum. Good for 5 years and the level may be upgraded at any time
 - B. No Money attached. Mrs Johnston feels this is an excellent process for the school to assess needs. Good reflective process for the school and teachers regarding STEM resources and opportunities.
 - C. Opportunities: Need to improve Community connections and engagement.
 - i. Options may include a Career Day or STEM night opportunities.
 - D. Grants through the STEM action Center are more likely to be approved with STEM designation
 - E. Maintenance: Reviewed every 5 years

- V. STEM family Night
 - A. Break up by grade vs all students at once

- i. 2 grades per night would alleviate resource crunch
 - ii. Scheduling 2 grades per month. Discussed strain on families that have more children at the school.
 - B. In classrooms, gym, library, computer lab
 - i. Display what the kids are all working on (ie. Robotics, coding, engineering, simulation lab)
 - ii. Students could be the “hosts” teaching the family
 - iii. Active engagement of students with family
 - iv. Possible contributors: UEN, American Chemical Society, University, other public partners
 - C. Date/Time: Still in planning stages
- VI. Career Day
 - A. Will assist with the STEM designation
 - i. Need variety – not just college bound careers. Need technical jobs and skilled labor presented
 - B. Ideas – Older grade children pick which careers to review
 - 1. Younger children will have a career rotate to them (3-4 possibly)
 - 2. Has been several years since the last night
- VII. Next Meetings
 - A. January 7, 2019, 7:30-8:30AM, Library at Valley View
 - i. First Monday of each month except as noted
 - ii. Feb 4, 2019 at 7:30-8:30 AM, March 7, 2019 at 5:30-7:30 PM (2 hrs scheduled for developing School Improvement Plan), & April 8 (if needed)
- VIII. Motion to Adjourn
 - A. Motion: Amy Nielson & Second: Michael Douglas

Adjourned