

# Sand Springs Community Council

Feb. 3, 2016

## MINUTES

Those present: Sara Gorham, Melanie Smith, Nancy Watkins, Sherice Whitesides, Maren Zimmerman, Pat Smith, Kerri Kingston (late), Meggan Nicholes, Rae Ann Shelley, Melissa Skousen

Absent: John Speth (Excused), Heather Dustin?

Previous Minutes were approved (motioned to approve by Rae Ann Shelley and Seconded by Meggan Nicholes.)

### Trust Land funds report:

We have approx. \$6,000 remaining in our TL funds. This is less than the 10% and will be carried over for a cushion if any other needs arise. The other expenditures we approved (in January) have been purchased. Collaboration is scheduled for this month. I-pads and projectors are purchased along with the subscription to DIBBLES testing program.

### New teacher update:

Have had good feedback from parents, students and teachers with the two new teachers.

### Response from FAQs sheet:

Maren will put it on the school website. Melanie will post it on the PTA website. We want to use social media so show that there are positive solutions to counter the negative rumors that are being spread.

The only thing we didn't address is the immersion program in FAQs sheet. Discussed that there are special ed. Kids in Spanish Immersion and that the State loves immersion programs. Year round school IS the real issue which causes strain on other programs. It was decided to do another FAQs sheet in the future.

We got our FTE for next year. 37 teachers will be allotted. (We got one more than numbers project) We will also have the two Amity interns (from Spain) for 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. We don't get to keep the classroom aids (16 hours) that the district paid for this year. However, we do keep the reading aids.

Kathleen Wilcox informed us that Syracuse City has been given a grant for sidewalks. Sherice will head up informing appropriate neighborhoods to make some noise to get more sidewalks on Gentile!

We discussed whether the requirement for the new statewide digital citizenship is being met for our school. iBoss is being used statewide which filters iProducts. We have access to Net Smart- a program from the Attorney General's Office which gives tutorials, dialogues, examples, video clips, etc. to encourage communication between parents and students as well as appropriate internet use. We're putting on an assembly by Hank Smith, who discusses proper internet use. (\$450.00). More discussion is needed.

Rae Ann Shelly expressed concern from her observations from the last district board meeting which had a one sided showing from a parent's perspective on unfair advantages with the immersion program and selective data that wasn't conclusive. We need to proactively build our community unity (in contrast to the Farmington/Kaysville area where there is much debate and blaming right now.)

The next board meeting is Mar. 1 at 4:00 (reception) 4:30 meeting at Ellison Elementary. Email Maren if coming.

**Assignments:**

Come with suggestions to positively teach others about our current school environment.

Sarah Gorham motioned to adjourn and Sherice Whitesides seconded it.

Adjourned until March 2, 2016 at 4:00 in the library.