

Mountain View Elementary School Community Council Meeting
Minutes
December 12, 2018
5:30 p.m.
Mountain View Elementary School

In Attendance: Conducting - Debora Baird, Chair, Parent-Member
Chris Mudrow, Principal
Jennifer Singleton, Vice Chair, Parent-Member
Nicole Roche, Secretary, Parent-Member
Julie Baer, PTA President
Jason Hall, Parent-Member
Kyle Roche, Parent-Member
Pauline Spencer, Parent-Member
Peggy Rafferty, Teacher-Member
Liz Willard, Teacher-Member

Absent: Erika Muirbrook, Assistant Principal/Teacher-Member

1. Welcome

Chair Debora Baird opened the meeting at 5:34 p.m., welcoming the council members. The Council gave brief introductions of themselves.

2. Approval of November 12, 2018 Minutes

Debora Baird presented the proposed minutes for the November 12, 2018 council meeting. The members had not yet seen the minutes as they were not sent out in an email. Debora Baird apologized for not sending them in an email as she reported she received the minutes late and had some flooding at her home. The members were given time to quickly review the minutes.

A motion was made by Kyle Roche to approve the minutes and seconded by Julie Baer. The motion passed without objection.

3. Mountain View Accreditation

Davis School District will be going through the accreditation process in the upcoming year. Principal Mudrow showed a PowerPoint and explained that Davis School District is the only district in the state of Utah that accredits all schools, including elementary and junior high schools. Accreditation occurs every 5 years and is a status that shows the public that the district has met and maintains a high level of standards. The standards are set by an accrediting agency, AdvanceEd. The agency evaluates data and makes observations in random schools. This will help the district with improvements to teaching, management, and school environment that includes such factors as safety and even lighting. The evaluation process is similar to Evaluate Davis, which the teachers are familiar with for their evaluations. An important part of the accreditation process is a commitment to continually improve. To prepare for accreditation, the JSSC and Community Council has been asked to complete surveys about Mountain View. Principal

Mudrow has prepared a paper version of the survey and asked that it be returned by the next meeting, January 9, 2019. The survey is also available at: <https://goo.gl/forms/SXBZGEe72YyMo6GY2>. The council was asked to use a critical eye in order to help the school improve.

A timeline of the accreditation process is as follows: January/February – school leadership reviews the surveys and determines draft ratings. The draft ratings are provided to the JSSC and the Community Council. The JSSC and the Community Council will meet to provide feedback on the draft ratings. The principal will enter the final ratings and comments in the online system. March: Information is uploaded on the *Learning First* Planning Day. April: The observation tool is reviewed with the faculty. Over the summer, the school will be prepared for a possible visit from the accreditation team in October. Schools are chosen at random, but all schools will be prepared.

4. SIP Planning

Debora Baird asked former Chair Kyle Roche to discuss SIP Planning. Kyle Roche explained how the SIP works. Every year, schools are given funding from Trust Land funds. The chief responsibility of the Community Council is to determine how to spend these funds consistent with the goals the Council sets for the school. Traditionally, the administration presents the needs of the school to the Community Council, who will decide what to fund in concert with the rules established by the Utah Board of Education.

Last year, MVCC piloted a program used at other schools, which set aside some funds directly for teacher use. The teachers submitted “grant” proposals explaining what they needed the funds for and how the purchases would be utilized in their classrooms. The teachers could individually apply for \$500.00 grants or combine the funding requests up to the grade level.

Nicole Roche spoke about what this \$500.00 means to the teachers. She related a phone call she received from a teacher over the summer. The teacher was crying because of how happy she was to have had the opportunity to spend the \$500.00 grant she had received. The teacher had never had the opportunity to do something like this and was overjoyed. The teacher has invited any council members interested to her classroom to see the students use the supplies purchased and asked that the Council strongly consider keeping the program as long as possible. Nicole explained that the majority of supplies in classrooms come out a teacher’s personal funds. The schools are limited in their funding. She recounted that it was only since Principal Mudrow arrived that teachers were given pencils for the students once a term, as previously teachers were given one pencil per student for the year and any additional pencils had to come from the teachers or the students themselves. Nicole also informed the council that due to changes in the tax laws, teachers can no longer deduct any funds spent from their own pocket. Nicole strongly encouraged the council to continue funding the teacher grants.

It was asked if there were any objections to funding the Teacher Grants. Kyle Roche made a motion to fund teacher grants on the same terms as last year (if funding was available, \$500.00

individual cap, can combine up to the grade level). The motion was seconded by Jason Hall. The motion passed without objection. The Council wholeheartedly supported the teacher grants. A timeline was discussed. The grant application will be available in January. Former Chair Kyle Roche said he would get the previous application to Chair Debora Baird. Once the language has been agreed upon, Nicole Roche would create the Microsoft Form and email it to teachers. The applications will be reviewed in the February council meeting.

If council members are interested the SIP for previous years is available on the school website.

5. Drop-Off Safety Issues

At the last meeting, Julie Baer had brought up issues with Drop-Off Safety at Mountain View. Since the last meeting, a newsletter email has gone out to parents called the "Mountain View Minute" that included information about this issue. Additionally, the webmaster has added information about Drop-Off Safety to the main webpage.

It appears that Drop-Off Safety has improved somewhat; however, there are still reports of close calls with students being nearly hit by cars. The school will continue to work on this issue through the "Mountain View Minute", the website, and possibly a message on the marquee.

6. Known Issues/Items for Next Meeting

Principal Mudrow spoke to the council about updated information on the ADA Automatic Doors. Davis School District has moved incredibly fast. Installation of parts for the door began this week. Principal Mudrow was also informed that construction for the secured vestibule would begin this spring, which is a well ahead of the schedule.

Pauline Spencer mentioned that she has had multiple parents approach her about the quality of school lunch. School lunch is a federal program and Mountain View has little control over it. There was discussion about students actually eating school lunch at Mountain View. The wonderful cafeteria workers always make sure that each child who purchases school lunch has all required parts of the meal, such as vegetables and fruit; however, the students can't be forced to eat what they take. It was suggested that the "Mountain View Minute" include a section from the Health Team about school lunch.

Jason Hall remarked that Mountain View Elementary recently participated in the Davis School District's Martin Luther King, Jr. speech competition. Mountain View was the only school to have 2 winners. Congratulations to the students who worked so hard on their speeches and to Coleman Hall and Rhea Li Young who won at District.

Chair Debora Baird asked for any known issues for the next meeting. At the next meeting on January 9, 2019, the Council will begin planning for the SIP and teacher proposals.

Jason Hall made a motion to dismiss the meeting, which was seconded by Principal Mudrow. The motion passed without objection. The meeting adjourned at 6:26 p.m.