

Columbia Elementary Community Council Meeting
Thursday, 17 January 2019, 4PM –Library

Agenda

Attendance:

Darryl Denhalter, Helena Langford, Jean Bradford, Annette Solt, Stephanie Bonner, Jake Garrett, Ashlie Little, Amy Norton, Jami Caldwell, Haley Hamblin

1. Welcome/Review & Approve Last Meeting Minutes

Minutes from last meeting were approved.

2. Trustlands Budget Review & Update

Trustland budget increased this year by \$3,678, which gives a total budget of \$68,200. A general report of overall expenditures was given.

3. Introduce School Improvement Plan (SIP) Requirements

Utah school accountability measures and indicators were reviewed. A brief background of ESEA and ESSA were offered. The school report card was explained.

4. Review 2 additional indicators

The requirement for two self-reported indicators for school effectiveness was explained.

The council felt it would be well to focus on 1. School Climate, and 2. STEM initiatives. The specific indicators and measures will be further developed, but certain items were considered. For example, Mindfulness implementation and structured recesses to support School Climate, and keyboarding and Imagine Math to support STEM. We also discussed revising the current 3rd goal of improving math proficiency to have a broader “STEM” focus, which includes math proficiency as well as other areas of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math.

5. Review and Analyze Achievement Data and Other School Needs

Data was reviewed from <https://utahschoolgrades.schools.utah.gov/>. From this the council saw the value of maintaining academic performance, but especially the need to promote student growth. The lowest performing 25% of students should be a focus, similar to the guidance given on the school accountability measures.

6. Discuss and Decide on Procedures for Determining Spending of Allocated Trustlands Budget to Support the SIP.

- a. In order to determine an effective procedure and guidance for establishing a school improvement plan, along with goals, the council felt it necessary to review and articulate the school's purpose. The school mission or school purpose was revised:
 - i. "The purpose of Columbia Elementary is to promote learning by developing intelligence and character in our students through emphasis on safety, kindness, and reliability."
 - ii. The council felt it would be helpful to hear from individual teachers. Teachers will be invited to share 2-minute presentations with the council at the next meeting. The presentations may be to support continuing an expenditure for the next year or to suggest other ideas for implementing.

7. Other

- a. Two committees are being formed with adults at the school, a kindness committee and a safety committee. Council members were invited to participate if they would like.
- b. An invitation to create a 2-minute video about the district's strategic plan and mission was made. It was suggested to ask the student council to create the video.

Upcoming Dates:

21 February 2019	Receive SIP Proposals, Review
21 March 2019	Make SIP Decisions, Rough Draft SIP
26 March 2019	Learning First Planning Day
18 April 2019	Finalize and Approve the 2019-2020 SIP