

Mountain View Elementary School Community Council Meeting
Minutes
January 9, 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
Kyle Roche, Parent-Member
Pauline Spencer, Parent-Member
Peggy Rafferty, Teacher-Member
Liz Willard, Teacher-Member
Jason Hall, Parent-Member (teleconference)

Absent: Erika Muirbrook, Assistant Principal/Teacher-Member

1. Welcome

Chair Debora Baird opened the meeting at 5:37 p.m., welcoming the council members.

2. Approval of November 12, 2018 Minutes

Chair Debora Baird presented the proposed minutes for the December 12, 2018 council meeting. It was noted that the proposed minutes indicated that Assistant Principal Erika Muirbrook was in attendance when she was not. This was amended.

A motion was made by parent-member Kyle Roche to approve the amended minutes and seconded by parent-member Pauline Spencer. The motion passed without objection.

3. Accreditation Surveys Returned

Principal Mudrow thanked everyone who completed the accreditation survey. If council members were unable to do the survey online and instead provided a completed paper copy, their results will be entered by hand.

4. SIP Planning

Chair Debora Baird asked parent-member Kyle Roche to review SIP Planning. Kyle Roche explained how the SIP goals are determined and that all funding must be tied to the goals. Principal Mudrow noted that the district meeting providing information pertaining to these goals would be the next day, and therefore there was no data at this time to formulate goals. The Mountain View administration will do much of the work to formulate possible goals once this data is received and reviewed with the faculty which will then be recommended to the council.

5. Teacher Grant Applications

a. Prep Requests

Parent-member Kyle Roche asked that the council consider whether prep teachers should be allowed to apply for Teacher Grants along with the certified teachers. The prep teachers generally teach each of the approximately 850 students each week. He argued that they should also have the opportunity to request funding. In previous years even before the grants were started at Mountain View, the librarian was included in the SIP requests, so he argued that including prep teacher requests is not without precedent. Prep teachers are also not allocated the same classroom funding that the teachers are. Additionally, prep teachers are not able to apply for many of the grants certified teachers may apply for. This means prep teachers do not have a lot of funding options. As an example of one funding issue, he related the following: the district gave the computer prep teachers one robot each for the entire student body to use, something impractical to use for a class of 25 or 30 students; however, not impractical if a grant paid for a few more, bringing the ratio down to 5 or 6 students per robot. There was discussion as to whether to allow the prep teachers to make requests but to limit them to a smaller dollar amount than the certified teachers. A motion was made by PTA President Julie Baer to allow the prep teachers to apply for Teacher Grants up to \$500.00, which is the same as certified teachers. The motion was seconded by parent-member Jennifer Singleton. There was no objection. As with the certified teachers, applying for grants is not a guarantee of receiving funding, it simply allows the prep teachers to also be considered. Council Secretary Nicole Roche was asked to update the grant application form and send out an email informing the prep teachers of this change.

b. Clarification of the \$500.00 limit

Council Secretary Nicole Roche had asked for a clarification of the \$500.00 limit for the Teacher Grant Applications. Mountain View has three class rooms with team teachers. If the grant requests are open on a “per teacher” instead of a “per classroom” basis, these classrooms have the possibility of receiving \$1000.00 where most others would be limited to \$500.00. Additionally, the Kindergarten teachers each teach 2 classes. It was determined that the council’s intent was and is that each classroom may apply for grants up to \$500.00. This essentially means that each full-time teacher and prep teacher may apply for up to \$500.00 and each part-time teacher may apply for up to \$250.00 if not submitting a joint request. The reminder was given that all funding is based on approval and availability of funds.

Teacher-member Peggy Rafferty asked if it would be possibly to extend the application due date from February 1 to February 8. Teachers have parent teacher conferences the week that applications are due and would probably appreciate the extra week. The council felt that the extra week would be acceptable but agreed that everyone should read the applications prior to the February 13 meeting as the applications will be provided to them the weekend before the meeting. Council Secretary Nicole Roche was asked to update the grant application and email teachers with the new date for the deadline.

6. Known Issues/Items for Next Meeting

Principal Mudrow gave the council updated information on the ADA-compliant automatic doors. Installation is now completed. Principal Mudrow also informed the council of the upcoming construction behind the school. The school has had a drainage problem behind the playground for several years. Construction will begin this week to correct this issue and is scheduled to end in late May or early June of this year. He will be sending an email to parents informing them of this and will ask teachers to explain to students the necessary construction and safety precautions. There will be large construction equipment around the playground. Additionally,

supervision will be on the playground both from the school and the construction company during periods of heavy need. Following completion of the construction, landscaping will occur.

The February 13 meeting will be a longer meeting due to the need to formulate and review the SIP goals and to review teacher grants. Chair Debora Baird asked the council members to be prepared for the meeting by reading the teacher grant proposals ahead of time.

Chair Debora Baird asked for any known issues for the next meeting. The SIP and reviewing the teacher grant applications are the only known issues at this time.

Parent-member Kyle Roche made a motion to dismiss the meeting, which was seconded by PTA President Julie Baer. The motion passed without objection. The meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.