

Bluff Ridge Community Council Meeting

January 8, 2019, 4:00 P.M., Bluff Ridge Elementary Library

Council Members

Present:

Kristen Smith
Kristie Gardner
Adrienne Kennett
Sondra Trillo
Liz Roberts
Katie Scholer
Kim Eschler
Wendy Orme
Chris Wood
Jyll Padilla
Taylor Adams
Richard Baird
Brian Schultz
Emily Thorstenson
Krista Nance
Dana Jensen

Absent/Excused:

Sarah Yates, excused
Andrea Anderson

Business

Approval of last month's minutes. 15 yea/ 0 nay

Principal Kennett reviewed the financial report as tied to each goal on our SIP. We are doing well in all areas. She was able to share the good news that we had enough money in the budget to hire an extra reading/math tutor to focus mainly on helping in the kindergarten classes. She also shared the news that it looks like we will run short on funds for before and after school tutoring. She suggested we look at this again in a future meeting, and shared that it might be possible to move the money around a bit to cover this need.

Digital Citizenship requirements were addressed. Principal Kennett shared that she was able to schedule a Net Smarts assembly for May 7th. This assembly has received good reviews from other schools.

Katie Scholer asked for comments from administrators and teachers concerning next year's needs. Response was as follows:

New Science Implementation K-5 (not 6th)

2019/2020: Year of training for new science core and year to meet as DCTs to plan instruction

2020/2021: Teachers must begin teaching new science core

Teacher Need Requests:

Paid substitutes while teachers take PD classes for new science core

Paid substitutes while teachers take meet in DCTs to plan for new science core

Funding for manipulatives needed for new science core. (up to \$3000/per grade – it's possible that district will help with some of this cost)

Before and After School Tutoring

This program is having a positive impact on student progress. This year it seems to be underfunded. Teacher's request it continue, with a possible increase in funding.

Reading/Math Tutors

This program is really helping with student growth, especially in the lower grades.

Teacher's (2nd grade in particular) request this continue.

Third grade would like to see more training for the tutors. They would like to specialize a program that would specifically meet the needs of tutors who work with 3rd grade students.

Technology

Third grade students need daily access to keyboards as they are the grade that teaches keyboarding skills. They request to have laptops/notebooks, or at the very least, keyboards for their iPads.

Other Needs

Upper grades are still looking at the benefits of having an art/core teacher push in to their class instead of the reading/math tutors. This could benefit our top students as well. During this time, teachers could pull out their struggling students for some much needed one-on-one time. No final request has been made on this idea yet, it is still in the research stage.

Grade levels are still analyzing needs, more news to come.

Data Dive

The council was divided up into three teams to begin reviewing the testing data for BR. This is the first phase of a long process we will continue over the next couple months.

Principal Kennett prepared detailed files of information for each group to review. Team leaders were Katie Scholer, Adrienne Kennett, Elizabeth Roberts.

Next Meeting

February 5, 2019 at 4:00 in the library