

**Mueller Park Community Council Meeting**  
**February 25, 2019**  
**6:45 – 7:30 A.M.**  
**Minutes**

**Welcome** by Rob Hunter

**Attendance:** Deanne Kapetanov, Tina Gregoire, Steve Theobald, Rob Hunter, John Tobin, Kevin Poff, Kareen Patterson, Claire Cassity, Lisa Gibson, Camille Krum, Leslie Phillips, Kellianne Holt, Michelle Nylander, and Natalie Rogers.

**Excused:** Osmond Sesangsuwan

**Approval of January minutes:** A motion for approval was made from Kevin Poff. It was seconded by Michelle Nylander and approved by all (Deanne Kapetanov, Tina Gregoire, Steve Theobald, Rob Hunter, John Tobin, Kareen Patterson, Claire Cassity, Lisa Gibson, Camille Krum, Leslie Phillips, Kellianne Holt, and Natalie Rogers)

**Counseling Report:** Claire Cassity reported that the counselors have been busy gathering all student course requests for the 2019-2020 school year. This week, the Counselors will be teaching 8<sup>th</sup> grade students in preparation for Reality Town scheduled for March 27, 2019.

**PTO update:** Tina Gregoire reported the PTO is also busy preparing for Reality Town. Sign Up Genius will be sent out for community members to sign up soon. They will also be helping with Panthers Succeed Celebration in March. Sign Up Genius will be used for volunteer sign ups as well.

**Digital Citizenship update:** Michelle Nylander reported that Netsmartz will be on March 6, 2019. John Tobin motioned for approval for the Digital Citizenship assembly as well as the communication to parent regarding Digital Citizenship. It was seconded by Michelle Nylander, approved by all (Deanne Kapetanov, Tina Gregoire, Steve Theobald, Rob Hunter, Kevin Poff, Kareen Patterson, Claire Cassity, Lisa Gibson, Camille Krum, Leslie Phillips, Kellianne Holt, and Natalie Rogers.)

**Current LAND Trust appropriations:** Mrs. Kapetanov reported that LAND Trust monies allocated for salaries are currently on track. We have \$10,000 for Technology and \$4000 for Professional Development (Coaching) that has not been spent. Previously Community Council talked about ways to use the \$14,000. Mrs. Kapetanov said that after reviewing the Math data she sees that our Math scores are not in a downward trend. Last year was down but it doesn't show a consistent downward trend. Mrs. Kapetanov said that instead of hiring a math aide, it is recommended that we use the money for some teacher iPads, headphones for students, math TI84 calculators, and updating some of our existing teacher microphones. Rob Hunter reminded the council that we are interested in supporting the Math Department and technology. There was a motion made by Rob Hunter and seconded by Deanne Kapetanov to

move the \$4000 from Professional Development to support the Math and technology goals. It was approved by all (Tina Gregoire, Steve Theobald, John Tobin, Kevin Poff, Kareen Patterson, Claire Cassity, Lisa Gibson, Camille Krum, Leslie Phillips, Kellianne Holt, Michelle Nylander, and Natalie Rogers). John Tobin said that he approves the ideas of purchasing the calculators, headphones and IPADS as they support student's education. He said that replacing some of the teacher microphones is also a priority. John Tobin motioned for an approval of additional technology, calculators, headphones, iPads and voice enhancement teacher microphones. It was seconded by Steve Theobald and approved by all (Deanne Kapetanov, Tina Gregoire, Rob Hunter, Kevin Poff, Kareen Patterson, Claire Cassity, Lisa Gibson, Camille Krum, Leslie Phillips, Kellianne Holt, Michelle Nylander, and Natalie Rogers).

**2019-2020 LAND Trust funds:** Mrs. Kapetanov reported that Mueller Park Junior High will receive \$115,356 from LAND Trust monies. Mrs. Kapetanov recommended writing a Math goal into the School Improvement Plan. Lisa Gibson and Kareen Patterson said that the professional learning collaboration time (one day a term) is very valuable and teachers would like to see it continued. Rob Hunter asked if there was a way to have PLC Collaboration time without taking the teachers out of their classrooms. Mrs. Kapetanov said that collaboration time during the summer and common teacher preps are ways to give collaboration time to teachers. Rob Hunter asked about technology that might help support students' math skills. Our school has been using Mathia and Aleks programs. Math department would like to continue using Mathia next year. Kareen Patterson reported that she talked with Virginia Riley who has done action research with 8<sup>th</sup> grade English. They identified that by teaching foundation concepts (not reteaching) three times students begin to experience success and test scores go up. Mrs. Kapetanov said that she will contact Virginia Riley to see if the same research could be transferred over to the Math Department. Kellianne Holt asked about using LAND Trust monies for a Math Lab for 7<sup>th</sup> graders (and possibly 8<sup>th</sup> graders). Mrs. Kapetanov said that to double block Math for 8<sup>th</sup> grade students would be difficult, as they are required to take Digital Literacy. They don't have as many elective spots. Kevin Poff recommended providing a Math Lab for 8<sup>th</sup> graders for one semester instead of the entire year. Mrs. Kapetanov said that by evaluating past data, teachers can identify gaps in student learning. They could focus on the gaps in a Math Lab class. Rob Hunter asked about whether we should have a goal for Earth Systems. Mrs. Kapetanov said the curriculum in Earth Systems will be completely new in the 2019-2020 school year. This may not be the year to set a goal for Earth Systems.

It was recommended that a goal for literacy with action steps including Membean software be included in the School Improvement Plan. Mrs. Kapetanov reported that teachers have recommended a school wide Digital Literacy goal for our students because many students lack necessary digital skills (naming documents, saving documents, retrieving and forwarding documents). Andrea Petersen would like to receive funding (\$5000 to \$7000) to purchase string instruments and restring carbon bows.

Community Council members discussed possible ways to raise funds through advertising (banners, tv or school webpage advertising). Fundraisers were also suggested to raise funds for school needs. It was proposed to let Andrea Peterson know that we'll be looking for ways to

match funds. A motion for approval was made by Kelliann Holt and seconded by Rob Hunter. It was approved by all (Deanne Kapetanov, Tina Gregoire, Steve Theobald, John Tobin, Kevin Poff, Kareen Patterson, Claire Cassity, Lisa Gibson, Camille Krum, Leslie Phillips, Michelle Nylander, and Natalie Rogers).

**Adjourn the meeting:** Lisa Gibson motioned to adjourn the meeting. Kevin Poff seconded the motion with an approval by all (Deanne Kapetanov, Tina Gregoire, Steve Theobald, Rob Hunter, John Tobin, Kareen Patterson, Claire Cassity, Camille Krum, Leslie Phillips, Kellianne Holt, Michelle Nylander, and Natalie Rogers).

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