

SCC MEETING MINUTES

Date: Thursday, May 16, 2019

Time: 4:00PM

Venue: Reading Elementary School Library

Attendees: Scott Hughes (Principal), Brittany Brimhall (Faculty Member), Jolane Thornock (Faculty Member), Kate Andersen (Parent Member), Candace Gunnell (Parent Member) and Karen Mendenhall (Parent Member).

Absent: Kimi Bateman (Parent Member) and Jeff Johnson (Parent Member).

Proceedings

Meeting called to order at 4:00PM by Mr. Hughes.

School Community Council (SCC) Training 2019

SCC members are invited to attend training in the fall. Our nearest training will be at Centennial Junior High School and will be hosted by the Davis School District on Thursday, November 7 from 6-8pm.

RISE Testing

Teachers have experienced problems with RISE testing and reporting in 2019. Glitches in the system have teachers frustrated. As a result, the school will have difficulty accounting for academic goals outlined in the School Improvement Plan. School administrators will be able to use mindfulness and the bold school framework to assist in accounting for goals but academic data will likely not be accurate.

More schools in our area are leaning on technology in the classroom and for homework assignments. Mr. Hughes has noticed an increase in requests for variances to our school because parents are concerned that there is too much electronic use in the classrooms at other schools.

Electronic Devices Policy

Our school does not have an official Electronic Devices Policy in place for parents to read in the office or on the school website. Mr. Hughes has written a policy that addresses the use of smart phones, smart watches, tablets, and e-readers. The SCC reviewed the policy and agreed that it was comprehensive but needs to be reviewed and updated yearly as technology changes.

Teachers haven't noticed that electronics are a big problem in the classroom. Occasionally smart watches are a distraction for children and parents sometimes call in the middle of class. There has been a problem with some of the older students taking smart phones out on the playground during recess. Mr. Hughes reiterated that if parents want to contact students during school hours they should call the school office and students will be contacted through their teacher.

Teacher and Student Success Plan (TSSP)

The school has received funds totaling \$56,856 through the TSSP and plans to hire a well-qualified writing teacher, Casey Hansen, for 5th grade. Fifth grade will only have two teachers in 2019-2020, each with 36 students. Teachers have organized a rotation for morning schedules where students will rotate through Mrs. Brimhall, Mrs. Crowley and Mrs. Hansen to keep class sizes manageable. The writing teacher will use the current Fourth grade lab now that Cloudbooks are available to all upper grade levels. The funds will also pay for teachers to have 1.5 additional professional days prior to the school year and up to \$300 for personalized learning plans. One additional class will receive an Aver Media Cart and set of 30 Cloudbooks to support personalized and blended learning.

SCC Election for 2019-2020

Three SCC parent positions will be available in 2019. Mr. Hughes will start advertising at the beginning of August and voting will be open during the first week of school. Voting will close after Labor Day. The first SCC meeting of the 2019-2020 school year will be September 12.

Additional Business

The PTA President for 2019-202 (Brooke Lewis) is making efforts to try and get our school more up to date with social media and may start a school blog.

Upcoming SCC Meeting Dates

Thursday, August 1 – Advertise for SCC candidates

Saturday, August 24 – Open voting for SCC candidates

Tuesday, September 3 – Close voting for SCC candidates

4:00 PM Thursday, September 12 in the school library

Meeting adjourned: 5:00 PM