

Valley View Community Council

November 16, 2017

In Attendance:

Kim Johnston

Michelle Gibby (Vice Principal)

Mike Douglas

Amy Choate Nielsen

Lee Dial

Tiffany Spence (Excused)

Qi Xong (Elmer)

Heather Alexander

Joe Ferrari

Christine Kirkham

Ad

1Approval

of minutes from 10/26/2017 – Kim

Minutes were reviewed by Kim Johnson, and Adam Long motioned to approve. Lee Dial seconded.

Unanimous Approval.

2Update

on hiring process for Kindergarten aid Kim

Kim Johnston updated the community council about the hiring of the new Kindergarten Aide, and they had

20 applicants. She hired a woman named Carolyn Capel (Carrie). She comes with lots of experience with younger grades and in a Learning Center. She is excited to start, and will start Monday.

3School

testing results and achievement Kim

Mrs. Johnston reviewed SAGE results for Grades 36

, which were well above the state and District

average in every subject and every grade. It was mentioned that the state proficiency was pretty low, and

Mrs. Johnston explained the difference in rigor that has occurred since the adoption of the new core curriculum. The important part to look at is not only proficiency, she explained, but also the growth percentile. Valley View had very strong growth scores as well as proficiency.

She then explained the Dibels scores (measuring proficiency in reading fundamentals) from the Beginning

of the Year (BOY).The proficiency breaks are now coded with the colors Blue (highly proficient), Green

(proficient), Yellow (below proficient), and Red (well below proficient). Students who are not proficient are

being given interventions from the teacher during small group time, and they have seen a lot of growth in

students since moving to this model.

It was asked whether principals get together and share what is working for them since

Valley View is

doing a great job in helping students grow so much. Mrs. Johnston said that they do meet as principals

twice a month, but often that time isn't there for that collaboration. Some principals get together for that,

but it is not widespread.

4Discussion

of Project Lead the Way for next year Kim

Next year the school will be able to adopt the program "Project Lead the Way", a projectbased

and

collaborative Science, Technology and Engineering program for grades K6.

It is highly engaging for

students, and helps them to develop 21st Century skills.

5 Discussion

on Blended Learning Kim

Mrs. Johnston applied for a District Technology grant of \$20,000, so hopefully that will be a way to purchase additional devices. There are additional robotics and devices that have been purchased as well for students to use.

Mrs. Kirkham (5th grade teacher) mentioned that there is a real need for additional digital devices, because right now there are a lot of teachers sharing the devices and it makes it difficult.

Mr. Ferrari mentioned that within the constraints of time, however, we do have options of how to help students and there are also online programs and software that can assist.

Amy Choate Nielsen

asked how much it would take to get the amount of technology we would want. Mrs.

Johnston said that the district is no longer supporting 1 to 1 because they can't fund that level of technology at a sustainable level. They are now advocating a level of 2 to 1 for devices (2 students to

one device), but additional funding could be provided by the Our Schools Now initiative which would give

schools the ability to make sitebased

decisions for their school. Community Council members are

welcome to support the initiative on their own, but the school or district can not officially support it.

6Other

Ideas for School Improvement Plan – All

Joe Ferrari, chair, opened the table for thoughts and ideas of what the School Improvement Plan for next

should be and how trust land funding should be allocated.

Amy ChoateNielsen

asked what the Trust Land funding was, and Mrs. Johnston said our money last year

was a little over \$42,000. Our funding for this next year should most likely be about the same. Our

population is about 500 students right now, and the addition of students has been helpful in keeping our

funding the same and not being reduced.

Amy ChoateNielsen

said that she had heard that in Granite School District they had a "supplemental

Kindergarten" program where students were able to have more time in school, and wondered whether

Davis had any similar plans to implement. It was explained that the resources are not available for that,

but the research is strong that stronger early childhood programs make a difference for kids. Our

legislature is being strongly encouraged to fund this, and it is a good discussion point if you speak to your

legislators.

7. Next Meeting will be held: January 18th, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.