

Valley View Community Council

October 26, 2017

In Attendance:

Kim Johnston

Michelle Gibby Vice Principal

Mike Douglas (new this year)

Amy Choate Nielsen (new this year)

Lee Dial

Tiffany Spence

Qi Xong (Elmer)

Heather Alexander (new this year)

Joe Ferrari

Christine Kirkham

Adam Long (new this year)

1. Approval of Minutes from VV Council Meeting Held Sep 2017 (Unanimous Approval). Highlights & Updates From Last Month Include:

Net Smarts

Each class will be part of a Fall (Oct 2017) training on web safety. We will coordinate with the hosts to identify a good time for providing this

training for parents (probably in Nov 2017). Solidify this date and messaging via phone call and email to all parents.

Heat Levels High

The District is aware of this and will be handling it we will have air by next year 2018. They have these issues with heat all over. We have a

boiler system so it's not a typical air system. Kim will work with the district to identify improvements in air conditioning and ventilation and will

update us.

Update on lower bus loop

Due to safety issues with pickup

and dropoff

as well as with the bus routes, Kim has secured approval for us to have 2 loops. There will be

construction during the Fall (it is supposed to be done before the first week of Nov 2017) and there will be one dedicated bus loop and one

dedicated loop for carpooling parents. Lower loop is for buses and stairs coming up will be used for kids to cross safely to the sidewalk.,

Extra Money to be Allocated

We know there are about \$7000 surplus funds to be allocated (based on enrollment count in Oct). At that point, the new council will vote on

potential uses of those funds. One idea proposed is for an aid in the Kindergarten classes where Mrs. Mac has 28 and 29 students in morning

and afternoon classes. Any other ideas will be solicited and shared later in October's meeting.

## Accelerated Reader Program

Bryce wondered if the ARP offered a better incentive for kids to push themselves in reading since it is an individual's efforts that are rewarded

in lieu of a group strategy like Battle of the Books. The council discussed pros and cons of each program. The majority of parents agreed that

the funding which was previously (and unanimously) approved in the meeting in Mar 2017 continue to fund the Battle of the Books. It was

noted that we should encourage parents and teachers to explain to kids that this is still a program to push oneself and that the battle is really

only a portion of the competition and a fun way to celebrate what one has read and learned during the year.

Our Schools Now (We only got a quick overview of what it is but we can't promote it or discuss in detail in this forum.)

Brief discussion about a new movement to Our Schools Now. This is an initiative to give Utah voters the opportunity to participate in the critical

questions of how we are to invest in the continued improvement of our schools. This initiative would allow Utahns to vote on a ballot measure

to increase the state income tax and invest the increase in educational performance improvement.

Our Schools Now

- If approved, it would mean \$1000 extra per student (490 students at VV = \$490,000 additional per year)

- Will the oversight be done by the Community Council through

the Trust Land umbrella or otherwise

- Will the decisions be sitebased

and will the principal be the

- Rich Kendall is one of the authors

- Calls for a less than 1/2 of 1 percent (.45%) increase to the state sales tax and a less than 1/2 of 1 percent increase

(.45%) to the state personal income tax, which would total \$700 million

- Provides each Utah school nearly \$1000 per enrolled student

- Requires all funding to be spent in ways that increase student learning

2. Discussion of roles, responsibilities, rules of order, appropriate expenditures for TL Funds.

Kim provided handouts with this information and we can also view the videos and training materials on the SLT Website.

[www.schoollandtrust.org](http://www.schoollandtrust.org)

3. Voting on new people in new seats of Community Council (unanimously approved).

New Community Council Chair: Joe Ferrari

Vice Community Council Chair: Amy Nielsen

Secretary: Tiffany Spence

4. Approving Meeting Times for this New Year (2017/2018)

3rd Thurs at 5pm will continue.

5. Training of Community Council Members

Optional on Nov 1 (Wed) at Farmington Junior High (150 S. 200 W Farmington, UT 84025); Video option is also available online.

6. Extra Trust Lands Funds to hire a parttime

4 hr/day TA for Kindergarten

\$13.51/hr for a TA for 102 days for an Aid in Kindergarten who will be there MTh

for 4 days/week (not on Friday because it's a short day). We

have \$7,766.15 rolled over from last year. Salaries are eligible expenses. 4 hours for aid 2

hours for AM and 2 hours for PM. They have

someone in mind who is competent

Research shows that lower class size does not impact achievement until less than 15 kids. Teacher can't give good solid instruction if she is

just managing bodies. In kindergarten, each kid is more needy.

Motion from Michael Douglas and seconded by Tiffany Spence in order to fund the TA position for Kindergarten. Unanimous approval. The TA

will be hired immediately.

## 7. Other Items

Scatter groups on a grade level to divide up and meet kids on their. English Language Arts coordinator (ELA) looked at how it worked at Oak

Hills and shared strategies. Can be used for English or for Math intervention. It did not work as well as they hoped at Oak Hills. Small group

intervention in our school means she pulls out the kids who need help to provide reteaching

while an aid helps the teacher. This appears to

have more impact. Guided reading groups higher

achievers will do more in that group and have more activities in it.

7. Next Meeting will be held Nov 16, 2017 (56p)

School Improvement Plan Development: Mar 27, 2018 (held at the District Building from 812p)

for Chair & ViceChair