

# STEWART COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

January 16, 2020, 4:00pm

Conference room in the 1st grade hall

## Members Present:

Amanda Keller, Amy Neal, Rachelle Boulton, Heather Taylor, Laura Charchenko, Jen Christensen, Gina Hirst, Heather Taylor (PTA President)

## Members Absent:

Brooke Haag

## Guests:

Michelle Gibby

## Minutes

1. School report card – reviewed by Michelle Gibby
  - a. 2018-2019 RISE data had some challenges, therefore school report cards for the year are posted without grades
  - b. Stewart showed high growth in all areas
  - c. Science growth improved 8.9% - attributed to lots of staff receiving STEM certification
  - d. Early literacy had a 69.2% growth
    - i. Aligned with the state
    - ii. Potentially affected by the immersion program
    - iii. This could be a potential area for improvement
2. School Land Trust Plan – looking back
  - a. Are teachers feeling burn out with all the new programs?
    - i. Amanda is a change principal, for those who don't "catch the vision" it can feel like micromanaging
    - ii. Trying to reframe the perspective – how do we solve a problem?
      1. Eg. New initiative (social and emotional learning) – how can we embed it into our system vs placing it on top of all the existing work
    - iii. Comprehensive Math Instruction (CMI) has been a LOT of work
      1. First 2 years are hard, that is known
      2. We are finishing up our second year
    - iv. Changed our math program mid-year from Advantage Math to Investigations Math
3. School Land Trust Plan – looking forward
  - a. Do we need more TAs for teachers who have challenging children?
  - b. Challenge is – TAs are not trained behavior interventionists
  - c. Real solution is reduced class sizes – this results in better behaviors and reduced workload
  - d. Amanda proposed to State Board of Ed a Jr High model grades
    - i. Teachers would be able to departmentalize – which would reduce planning while improving focus
    - ii. TAs would be assigned to lead regular tasks that don't need a trained teacher
    - iii. This does not fit the state framework for immersion
    - iv. We may implement this with the traditional side, and see if we can push the needle to allow school wide
4. Disney Points of Light service project
  - a. If we want to get Disney tickets, we should start to plan a fundraiser now
  - b. Official vote for a 2020 service project: 6 yes, 0 no, 2 absent
  - c. Service project should be either the end of the school year or during the summer

- d. Ideas – decorate food boxes for the Bountiful Food Pantry, paint the hopscotch court, hold a talent show night at a nursing home
- e. Chairs from 2019 fundraiser have not been purchased yet
  - i. Amanda was waiting for a final cost on a new prototype chair – it is too expensive
  - ii. We will proceed with ordering the chairs originally identified