

Mountain View Elementary School Community Council (CC) Meeting

September 16, 2020

5:00 p.m.

In attendance:

Conducting – Debora Baird, Chair Parent-Member
Jennifer Singleton, Vice Chair Parent-Member
Chris Mudrow, Principal
Joanel Whinham, Administrative Intern (read “vice principal”)
Debra Tjoland, Teacher-Member
Phouangchit Kounthong, Teacher-Member
Devan Gomez, Parent-Member
Jake Pruett, Parent-Member
Grady Tibboel, Secretary Parent-Member

Absent:

Brittney Bateman, Parent-Member
Stacy Baughman, PTA President

Guest:

none

- 1. Welcome.** Debora Baird, as Chair, opened the meeting at 5:04 pm. The meeting was in person, but with teleconferencing available via Zoom. The 2020-21 council has minimal turn-over from the prior year (Pauline Spencer’s term ended; Ms. Devan Gomez succeeded her).
- 2. Selection of the Board.** Ms. Whinham nominated Debora Baird to be Chairperson. Mr. Tibboel seconded. There were no other nominations and the council selected Ms. Baird with all ayes. Ms. Baird remains in the role; 2019-20 was her first year as the MVE CC Chairperson. Ms. Baird nominated Ms. Singleton to be Vice Chairperson. Mr. Mudrow seconded. There were no other nominations and the council selected Ms. Singleton with all ayes. She also remains in the role from 2019-20. Mr. Pruett nominated Mr. Tibboel as Secretary. Mr. Mudrow seconded. There were no other nominations and the council selected Mr. Tibboel with all ayes or abstentions. He remains in the role from 2019-20.
- 3. Sidewalk along Hwy 193.** While discussing the new year, it was noted that there is now a sidewalk along the north side of Highway 193, extending south from 1700 E (the stoplight for the landfill entrance) to Church Street (the stoplight between the Maverick and Walmart). This provides a feasible route for walking from the more southern homes within the school’s boundary to the school, and was the school’s first request in its 2020-21 School Safety Plan, submitted in the Spring (the sidewalk was part of the Layton Forward general plan, but funding and timing were unknown).

4. **Approval of Minutes.** Ms. Baird asked for comments on the April minutes, having distributed them previously for review. There were no comments. Mr. Mudrow moved to approve the April minutes, and Jake Pruett seconded.

5. **Council Orientation/Training.** Ms. Baird introduced a slide and video for community council training, focused on the role of Land Trust funds distribution. The one sentence summary: annual updates to the school improvement plan, and expenditure of funds per that plan, is a key role with an emphasis on “data driven and evidence based” practices and services. More information is available at <https://www.schools.utah.gov/schoollandtrust>.

6. **Meeting Schedule.** Remaining board meetings for the year are scheduled to be held at 5 pm on the second Wednesday of the month (except as indicated otherwise with an asterisk below):

Wed, October 21 *	Wed, January 13	Wed, April 14
Wed, November 11	Wed, February 10	Wed, May 12 (if needed)
Wed, December 9	Wed, March 10	

7. **Funding Report.** MVE’s allocated Land Trust funding for 2020-21 is \$96,308. With carry-over, the community council has \$114,800 to allocate, though there are a few 2019-2020 expenditures to resolve to finalize the carry-over amount. A key question about carry-over was in regards to funding for Tutors/TAs, sub salaries (in support of teacher training), and TA training. \$38,000 was allocated in 2019-20, but \$42,844 reported as expended. Mr. Mudrow took the action to look into the funding difference. Funding for a planned-but-delayed purchase of laptops from 2019-20 (\$16K) is available to cover the difference if necessary.

From the 2020-21 plan (to include teacher grants) approved in the Spring, \$5,727.13 has been expended thus far. Ms. Baird also asked about whether the tech request from last year is still current/accurate. The answer was generally yes. With the school primarily using iPads the school needs only a limited number of Cloudbooks, but the prior requests are in line with that.

The Council agreed to put a November 1 deadline on teachers expending their approved grants. After that, the Council may re-allocate the funding.

8. **New Fence.** Davis School District (DSD) funded a section of chain link fence extending from the southeast corner of the school to the existing fence separating school property from private property to the east. This fence separates the playground for MVE’s youngest students from the front parking lot and entrance for bus pick-ups/drop-offs, and is locked during the day to prevent unauthorized access to the playground area. The west side of the playground is still not fenced, but the fence is large improvement for student safety.

Notably, the district had previously declined to fund the fence, but relooked at funding it when the MVE PTA asked about cost, in order to plan a fundraiser for the fence.

- 9. Windstorm damage.** In the windstorm on/about 1 September, the school lost 4 mature trees. There was no other notable damage, and district staff promptly removed the trees.
- 10. Free lunches.** DSD announced an expanded free lunch program. It is available to any student who registers, regardless of school attended, geographic location (of residence?), or economic need. A Peachjar flyer is available at <https://app.peachjar.com/flyers/1033873/schools/30326>.
- 11. Assessments.** The Council discussed assessments -- namely cancelled tests at the end of the 2019-20 school year and planned changes for the 2020-21 school year, and what those mean for the planned metrics in the School Improvement Plan. One significant change from prior years is increased use of teacher-provided assessments.

Mr. Tibboel volunteered to coordinate with Ms. Whinham, et al, to create a document or presentation for Council parent members, to improve understanding of assessments and the terminology around them.

- 12. Next meeting, October 21, 2020.** October's meeting will be the third Wednesday of the month, adjusted due to Fall Break.

13. Adjournment

Mr. Mudrow moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Singleton seconded. The motion passed without objection, and the Chair adjourned at 5:57 pm.