

Mueller Park Community Council Meeting Minutes
Friday, October 2, 2020, 7:00 a.m. – 7:45 a.m.

Member	Role	Attending
Kellie Mudrow	Employee, Principal	Yes
Elizabeth Garey	Employee	Yes
Jim Haws	Employee	Yes
Susan Pearson	Employee	Yes
Kevin Poff	Employee	Yes
Linda Vaughn	Employee	Yes
Amy Choate-Nielsen	Parent	Yes
Annie Kuehne	Parent	Yes
Heather Mackenzie-Campbell	Parent	Yes
Michelle Nylander	Parent	Yes
Kelli Roberts	Parent	Yes
Osmond Seangsuwan	Parent	Yes
Cyndalynn Tilley	Parent	Yes
Debbie Washburn	Parent	Yes
Suzanne Schmitt	PTO President/adhoc	Yes
Sunny Ford	Counselor/adhoc	Yes

Welcome: Michelle Nylander welcomed everyone to the meeting. Michelle asked each council member to introduce themselves to the group including any role served on the Community Council.

Nominations for Community Council Positions: Michelle Nylander made a motion nominating Kevin Poff as Vice-Chair. Linda Vaughn seconded the motion. All in attendance voted Aye. Michelle Nylander made a motion nominating Heather Mackenzie-Campbell as Secretary. Linda Vaughn seconded the motion. All in attendance voted Aye. Kellie Mudrow made a motion nominating Michelle Nylander as Chair. Linda Vaughn seconded the motion. All in attendance voted Aye.

Approval of September Minutes: Michelle Nylander asked for a motion to approve the September 4, 2020 meeting minutes. Michelle reported the minutes will be amended to correct the spelling of Bylaws. Michelle Nylander made a motion to approve the September minutes as amended. Kevin Poff seconded the motion. All in attendance voted Aye.

School 4-day Week Schedule Update: Kellie Mudrow reported the district’s plan is to go to a 4-day week schedule November 2nd. The Board plans to meet to make some decisions before that date. Kellie explained the school planned for a 4-day week schedule and will be ready when that occurs. Camille Krum, Assistant Jr. High Principal did a great job with the schedule. When the school moves from a Hybrid schedule to a 4-day week schedule, the students’ schedules will remain the same. Teachers will have to physical distance to stay healthy, but students will not be able to physical distance. This will change some teaching techniques. Kellie reported the school is always in need of substitute teachers. Kellie requested council members to encourage anyone you know to sub and contact the front office.

School Safety Update: Kellie Mudrow reported the school is doing all it can to encourage students, staff, and parents to comply with Covid-19 safety protocols. Lunch is a challenge and administration remind students regularly to social distance.

Kellie reported the school community has been frustrated because they don’t know the Covid numbers at the school. Amy Choates-Nielsen asked about the letter sent out to parents regarding Covid at the school. Kellie reported that Superintendent Newey has approved publishing the Davis County Health Department’s current student numbers testing positive on the school district’s Covid Dashboard. The Dashboard will be updated weekly with each school’s current case numbers and the number of students quarantined by school and district wide. Kellie reviewed the school protocols for students testing positive for Covid-19. If the school has 3 students/staff in a classroom who tested positive over a two-week period, the entire class will be quarantined for 14 days from the date of exposure. If the school has 15 or more students who tested positive over a two-week period, the entire school will be quarantined for 14 days from the date of exposure.

Kellie reported if positive cases occur, a team, comprised of a representative from the Davis County Health Department, the area director, the risk management director, and Kellie meet to identify where the transmission point was to see if corrections can be made. If numbers keep rising, the team will meet again to determine if the school needs to change learning models or close the school.

Linda Vaughn made a comment for the record stating, “when you say the Board says safety is the paramount thing then they put us on a 4-day week schedule crammed together, that is not a consistent statement. Safety for me and safety for my students is not the paramount issue. If they were concerned about safety, they would continue as it is because we have had great success with minimum risk, social distancing, and few students taken out of the system. What we are doing right now is the best we can do for our students.” Kellie agreed by bringing more students together, a greater spread is more likely. We have had to talk to our teachers, especially high-risk. We have ordered plexiglass shields that have not arrived yet. Teaching will look different for teachers to stay 6 ft. away from students. Kellie is impressed with what the teachers have been able to do under the Hybrid model.

Kellie reported that they understand the downside of the Hybrid model is the teachers not being able to cover the entire curriculum. This has been a challenge for both teachers and students. All teachers have been asked to minimize and to stick to priority standards based on district direction.

Kellie is concerned with the students with failing grades right now and students not engaged on remote days. Teachers can only do so much on in-class day. Students need to do work on the Remote Day. If students don't have someone at home encouraging them, it becomes even more challenging. The school is looking at ways to put in additional supports. Our Trust Lands plan has a couple additional supports worked into it. We are working on solutions to help students with motivation, direction, guidance, or answering questions on platform from the home front to help with the Remote piece. Additional support is being offered in two-week sessions for 9th graders called "Lunch and Learn," using the lunch and Panther Success period. Ten to fifteen students per group can work with an advocate that will help students get caught up and build skills to manage school assignments on their own. The school would like to expand the program. Kellie is concerned with helping these students and is also concerned with the teachers putting in long hours teaching classes and doing the Remote learning piece.

The extra math lab and aide support the community council approved last year have been a huge benefit.

Covid-19 Update: Adam King, Assistant Jr. High Principal and Covid-19 Liaison, reported people want to know about sending students to school. The school is trying to protect a student's privacy. They are trying to find a balance to prevent bullying of students testing positive with the community's need to know. Adam sent out the email including the letter to parents and guardians regarding Covid-19 positive cases in the school. The questions the letter raised led to the District Dashboard now listing active cases and students quarantined by school and district.

People are asking what day the positive case student attended. Adam reported the school district does not go into that much detail to protect the privacy of the student(s) testing positive. Adam reported Mueller Park Junior High currently has two positive cases and Adam is still tracing the number of students to quarantine. He said the number of students quarantined is low. Kevin Poff commented when the school goes to a 4-day week schedule and everyone is elbow to elbow, we can expect those numbers to increase.

Adam reported that the CDC's and the State of Utah Health Department's definition of exposure is if a person is in contact with a confirmed case within 6 feet or less, for more than 15 minutes, with or without a mask. Even if the person testing positive didn't have symptoms, the school traces students that may have come in contact 48 hours before the onset of symptoms. If that is the case for anyone, that person must be quarantined to reduce the spread. Under the 4-day week school plan, there will most likely be an increase in the students and staff requiring quarantine.

Review Current Year Goals & LAND Trust Appropriations: Kellie Mudrow reported the state did not separate Goals 1 and 2. Our School Improvement Plan includes five goals. Michelle Nylander will separate the two goals out of Goal 1 on the agenda. The expenditures labeled nonapplicable are related to going back to a 4-day week schedule. There are a few items that may cost more than projected. The Mathlab teacher's payroll is not coming out of the Trust Lands Funds to date.

PTO Update: Suzanne Schmitt, PTO President, emailed the PTO report to Michelle Nylander, which she read. The Panther Hoodies sale was a huge success. They did delay the order deadline, which delayed the production and delivery time. Hopefully, they will hopefully pick them up on October 13th to distribute. Ally Peterson and Cecily McReynolds put together the faculty dinner for parent teacher conferences. Suzanne has heard from a few teachers and staff that it was well received. The Parents at Lunch program is still a program they want to grow and support. The PTO is looking for ways to get parents to try it out and hopefully commit to a few times a month. Hoodie orders were included in a couple school newsletters. When the PTO sent out an email to parents about the Hoodie sale, the PTO sold more hoodies in the first hour than they had in the whole week. The PTO almost tripled the sales by sending the email notice. Everything the PTO is working on is going well.

Counselor Update: Sunny Ford reported counseling is doing their best to work with students without pulling them out of class or taking classroom time. The Counselors have created Nearpod lessons on College and Career Readiness (CCRs) and CCAs for students to complete remotely, through Panther Success class, or a designated class. Parents and students can set up virtual meetings with counselors for CCRs. Those will be sent out in mid-October. Kevin Poff suggested and Sunny agreed that emailing the parents the CCR materials the students are receiving. Kellie Mudrow recommended linking the parent materials on the school website and she will include the information in the school newsletter. This will reduce the number of emails sent to parents.

Linda Vaughn encouraged parents to be involved with their student's schoolwork on Canvas. Osmond Seangsuwan suggested teacher protocols be posted on Canvas. Amy Choate-Nielsen suggested the district bring parents in to do a usability study for Canvas and myDSD. A discussion ensued about the timing of grading, the grade fluidity, class grades showing an F, etc. In addition, the committee members discussed the differences between the students and parents Canvas views. It was mentioned that assignments in Canvas do not drop-off the To Do List. This makes it difficult to run a report for each student's classes to get a list of missing assignments. Also, myDSD and Canvas do not work well together to help parents and students to get an idea of what assignments are missing and need to be completed. It makes it hard for parents to monitor a student's work. Kellie Mudrow reported teachers have been asked to upload Canvas to Encore every Friday. The teachers have been given a consistent template for Canvas. The administration can help a teacher who needs assistance implementing the template.

Next meeting date: The next Community Council meetings are scheduled for Friday mornings at 7:00 a.m. on November 6, December 4, 2020, and January 8, 2021. The training will be available online. Michelle will send the link to the Community Council and encourages members to view the training.

Adjourn: Michelle Nylander asked for a motion to adjourn. Kellie Mudrow made the motion to adjourn. Cyndalynn Tilley seconded the motion. All in attendance voted Aye. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 a.m.