

Meeting of the Ensign Elementary School Community Council (SCC)

20 February 2018, 7:30 AM

Ensign Elementary Conference Room, #120

Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

- SCC parent members: George Robison (Chair), Linda Scholl, Eric Jersensen, Susannah Seare, Brianne Emery, Amy Fehlberg, Lee Lesburg (who captured these minutes)
- SCC staff and faculty members: Bobbie Kirby, Dani Phifer, Amy Picklesimer, Molly Sprague
- SLC School Board representative: Katherine Kennedy
- Guests: Larry Madden (Principal at Bryant Middle School); Lisa Warner (Counselor at Bryant Middle School)

Discuss Proposal to unite Bryant Middle School and the Salt Lake Center for Science Education (SLCSE). (Presented by Larry Madden and Lisa Warner.)

- Unification would form one STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) system where Bryant would be the middle school component and SLCSE would be the high school component.
- Proposal will be made to SLC School Board this evening.
- All parents should read more about the proposal and take an important survey at <http://bryant.slcschools.org>. Survey introduction describes more about the impacts and the timeline.
- Ensign SCC's questions revolved around the impacts to both schools, future of each school's specific programs like outdoor education and behavioral therapy, impact on student transportation, and impact on Bryant's language arts performance.

January Meeting Minutes: SCC voted to approve and post the minutes from the January meeting (pending some corrections to the attendee list, which George will make). (Our approval process for the February minutes will be the following: Lee will send to all SCC members and allow a few days for edits and objections. After that, we will consider them approved and ready to post. Silence is acceptance.)

Land Trust

- Ensign's plan to use Land Trust funds is due in April.
- By a vote among members, SCC agreed that it intends to continue using Land Trust funds for reading intervention. This investment seems to be paying off.

STEM Fair

- Linda distributed a summary of the 2018 event including lessons learned and areas to improve for 2019.
- Linda has proposed dates for the 2019 event. **Action for Amy Picklesimer:** take to the SIC and confirm back to Linda/SCC that those dates work in the 2019 calendar.

Update from SIC (Amy Picklesimer)

- Positive Behavior Intervention System (PBIS, e.g., “space bucks”, etc.) seems to be working. Has eliminated some problematic behaviors.
- Second trimester awards party has been planned.
- Confirmed that the system is not supposed to be used punitively (taking something away).

Follow Up on Actions from Last SCC Meeting

- Coaching for Ensign Faculty: Katherine Kennedy confirms that it appears the district’s coaching resources are going to other schools rather than to Ensign. The explanation seems to be that the other schools, typically Title 1 schools, have more acute needs and that the coaching resources are of course limited. **Action for George and Bobbie:** decide how to proceed with this information.
- Obtain “report” of the systems that are installed to ensure safe technology usage at Ensign: George obtained this report and included it as a hardcopy in the meeting packet. (Lee will ask George for the electronic version so we can file it somewhere safe for future SCC members to review.)

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday 20 March at 7:30 AM