

Mary W. Jackson Elementary School Community Council

April 18, 2019 Minutes

In attendance:

Laura Love, Nathaniel Eschler, Kira Waters, Ed Muñoz, Jana Edward, Alicia De León, Steve Gibbon, Debbie Carruthers

Minutes from previous meeting were presented for approval, but Nathaniel requested that they be amended to reflect the specific reason for the school board to cancel the contract with El Sistema. Changes were noted to be approved at next SCC meeting.

Dr. Edward presented overnight trips to be approved, although it is uncertain whether there will be any overnight trips in the next year. It was noted that those accompanying the students work for the school district and parents are allowed to accompany their children, but employees maintain all students in line-of-sight. Ed Muñoz motioned to approve overnight trips and Steve Gibbon seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

Land Trust Fund: significant time was spent discussing the proposed plan, which was to pay for half of the salary and benefits of a full-time educator and the salary of a paraprofessional, compensating for budget cuts coming from the district. Kira Waters in particular was confused when Jana Edward stated that if school land trust funds were not used to cover those costs, the school would have to function with four paraprofessionals less in order to keep the full-time editor. Ed motioned to approve the proposed plan, Steve Gibbon seconded the motion, Kira Waters opposed stating she did not feel prepared to support it, and the remaining four members present approved, passing the motion.

The council was not able to address other items on the agenda, including the EEP because several members needed to leave. It was agreed to arrange for an additional SCC meeting in order to meet deadlines. Nathaniel Eschler motioned to adjourn, Ed Muñoz seconded the motion, all others voted in agreement.