

Riley Elementary School Community Council Minutes for April 18, 2019

Voting members in attendance: Isabel Gonzalez, Liz Ivkovich, Dmitrius Cage, Maria Gomez, Dan Aragon

Other school employees in attendance: Angela Solum, Elissa Stern-Kolb

Other attendees: Samuel Hanson

- I. Connection: what is your best childhood memory?
- II. Finalize LandTrust Plan and Signature Page: The Council approved the LandTrust Plan which directs funding towards school partnerships with Playworks (\$18,000) and Utah Education Policy Center (\$17,000) and signed the physical copy of the Signature Page. Any additional funds will be used to forward academic achievement goals.
- III. Review Budget: We discussed the budget and how LandTrust funds are allocated -- a specific \$ amount per student, determined by the Utah state legislature and given out based on school enrollment as of October 1. The council was informed of one change that will affect our enrollment in a minor way (and thus reduce our LandTrust funds), which is the departure of our two dedicated special education classes. Other discussion items re: enrollment and budgets have been affected by an increase in charter schools in the district and a recent demographics report from Davis Demographics that predicts Riley and the school district will have decreasing enrollment over the next ten years. We learned that the district provides some support for our partnership with the Utah Education Policy Center.
- IV. Yard Sale Fundraiser: The PTO is discussing whether to have a yard sale fundraiser at the end of the school year, which would provide access for parents to low cost items. We also discussed whether to have additional review procedures for fundraisers in the future. The council decided not to add additional review procedures beyond discussion between the school staff and at the SCC meeting. The council expressed concerns about 1) the efficacy of the yard sale for fundraising and for the intended goal of offering parents access to affordable items and 2) accounting procedures in regards to funds raised by the PTO. We also noted that Maria Mendoza could use additional funds for all that she does for the school, and any support the PTO raises will help, and we are very supportive of those efforts. Dan will follow up.
- V. Questions, concerns:
 - a. Changes to the school calendar are being reviewed at the district level, no immediate changes are in effect.
 - b. The timing of Second Cup in relation to the SCC was discussed. One idea is to have SCC or Second Cup at 2:30 pm, right before school is out.
 - c. Parent members of the council requested that the school send out a reminder note during testing telling kids to get good sleep, eat breakfast, and come to school on time.
 - d. We discussed safety during the after-school program, specifically that the teachers have walkie talkies with them at all times, and learned that Dan and Angela will be working more closely with the after school program next year to have consistency between behavioral interventions during the school day and at after care.
 - e. We discussed an ongoing issue with parents driving too quickly in the parking lot in the mornings and at pick-up. With the resignation of the physical education teacher, staffing is challenging in the mornings. We discussed and discarded the possibility of a student safety patrol. Maria Gomez offered to staff the cross walk in the parking lot at pick-up until the end of the school year.
 - f. Members of the council expressed how important it is to have live interpretation by a translator for ESL parents at the meetings. The council will plan to always offer Spanish interpretation, and advertise that other interpretation is available with advance notice to Liz or Dan.