

# Reading Elementary School Community Council Meeting Minutes

## January 14, 2021, 4:00PM via Zoom

Attendees: Scott Hughes (Principal), Cole Smith, Val McQuiston, Sarah Fawcett, Karina Lanward, Karen Mendenhall.

Absent: Suzanne Dixon, Brooke Holman

Meeting called to order at 4:00 PM

**Crossing Guards** - We have received positive feedback from parents about the presence of crossing guards at the corner of 400 W 2025 N. Cars have been backed up, but Mr Hughes feels like this is a problem that will get better with time.

**Symphony Homes development north of the school** - The developer has agreed to an access from Frontage Road which should relieve traffic through the neighborhoods and around the school. The development is proposed to include 64-69 homes. The developer has been back-logged and development is not expected to start until late spring. Davis School District sold a portion of the school playing field to Symphony Homes. The portion that was sold will house homes/backyards. SCC discussed whether the development would have access to the school field via a pathway and it will not. Mr. Hughes wasn't sure what District policy was, but we foresee problems with children accessing back yards during school hours if homes have gates backing onto the school property.

**Budget** - SCC has access to approximately \$6,000 through the Land Trust budget. 2nd Grade has been heavily impacted by returning Davis Connect students and families moving in with children that age. Additionally, Kindergarten is experiencing a larger number of students that are considered academically lower than they should be at this point in the year. Karina indicated that more warm bodies in the classrooms could only benefit the students. SCC recommended using these additional funds for increased TA hours, or possibly an Interventionist TA to target those students that are struggling the most.

Val McQuiston motioned that the excess Trustland funds should be used to fund additional TA hours.

Cole Smith seconded the motion.

All SCC members in attendance voted unanimously to support the motion.

**Academic Data Gaps** - We have had no standardized academic progress data (RISE Testing) for two years. This makes setting goals for the SIP challenging. As educators we don't know what the impact will be on students or where we need to be improving as teachers and a school community. There are a few programs we can use including MOBI Max, Utah Compose, Imagine Learning, and ST Math. Teachers do perform mini mid-level CET tests. Teachers from

3rd, 4th and 5th grades provided the SCC some data based on reading inventories (language arts) that showed the following:

29% Advanced (63)

36% Proficient (77)

23% Basic (49)

12% Below Grade Level (26)

Some of the below grade level students may be working with Mrs. Kapp to meet their reading needs and are likely in the STAR Reading program. Mr. Hughes indicated that he would send out more data to the SCC.

**Recycling** - Green Fiber plans to put three more cardboard recycling bins in the upper parking lot at the school. Cole and Mr. Hughes expressed concern that parking spaces would be lost and although a good community resource, can become a mess when used improperly.

We have approximately 50 children that would normally attend school in-person that are doing Davis Connect.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 PM

**Future SCC meetings:** March 11, 2021 @ 4PM and May 13, 2021 @ 4PM