

MINUTES Shadow Valley Elementary Community Council

Wednesday, November 9, 2011

Time 3:45pm – 5:15 P.M.

1. Attendance

Chris Andrus, Randa Bruce, Marnie Favero, Rachel Florence, Judy Gault , Phil Jiricko, Stephen P. Lister, Danette Pulley, Leanne Rich, Arienne Winzeler

2. Approval of Minutes

Rachel Florence motioned to approve the minutes of last month's meeting.
Phil Jiricko seconded the motion.
All in favor.

3. Budget Report (monthly)

Beginning balance for this year is \$27, 370. This was determined after official audit. This leaves an additional \$5, 344 to spend.

Leanne will be buying the Kindergarten library soon for \$4, 231.03.

4. Discuss how to spend additional Land Trust allocations.

Leanne proposed a different use for the money than using it for teacher training as we had stated in the School Land Trust Plan. This proposal is based on a recently observed school need and teacher input. She suggested we allocate the money towards a mobile computer lab which would contain 30 laptops. Teachers could check the "lab" out to be used in their individual classrooms. The \$5, 344 would be combined with the school's 5K money to make this purchase possible.

Danette motioned to amend the expenditure of increased distribution to purchase a portable computer lab that will be used for Utah Writes, Accelerated Reader, Plato, keyboarding and other enrichment activities. The amount of \$5, 344 will be combined with 5K money to purchase a classroom set.

Rachel seconded the motion.

All in favor.

5. Update on "Walk to Learn" program progress, including assessment.

Leanne reported Walk to Learn pre and post test scores for 4th – 6th grade.

Danette and Leanne offered to create a template to get all of the scores into a common format so they may be more easily compared.

Rachel proposed we let parents know of the results.

6. Discussion on the "Walk to Learn" program, how can we help the teachers be successful?

Steve requested that we poll the teachers to see if they need help from us and/or from other parents.

7. Create school – parent compact.

Leanne presented two forms for Parent/Teacher/Student Compact. This compact is an agreement between the student, parent and teacher of each of their responsibilities.

Steve moved that we use the Rubric model.

Marnie seconded the motion.

All in favor.

8. Data review by data model sub-committee.

Danette presented a power point summarizing the sub committee's findings. The conclusion of the 2 ½ hour meeting was that if we want to see how tools purchased with Land Trust funds are impacting student performance we need to also build into that assessments specific to that tool. We can draw loose connections with the information we have now, but we want to be able to draw direct correlations.

Phil confirmed that the sub-committee will "digest" the data and bring it to Council to have conclusions drawn.

Leanne proposed that the sub-committee also research and visit other schools that are like us, but that score better and higher than us. This information would also be brought back to Council.

Danette asked if there was an area that the Council wanted the sub-committee to focus on first.

Language Arts scores went down this past year so we will start there.

Steve asked if there was a data model we could look at that would show a direct benefit from the items we are purchasing, for example, math consumables. He also stated that we would have to take grade level anomalies into consideration.

There was discussion on how to assess where the learning gaps in math in the upper grades is starting. Math consumables may need to come from a different fund (if this method of teaching is confirmed as the best and most effective) in order to free up Land Trust money to close math performance gaps school wide by 10%.

9. Comments/Questions/Suggestions/Concerns

Leanne proposed that at our next meeting we discuss whether or not to do away with teacher requests from parents in light of the teacher data information that will soon be made public.

Steve asked Leanne to come to the next meeting with district/state legalities and/or stances regarding teacher requests.

10. Steve motioned to adjourn the meeting.

Marnie seconded the motion.

All in favor.

11. Next meeting, second Wednesday of the month: December 14, 2011 at 3:45 p.m.