

Elk Meadows Elementary
School Community Council Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, October 13, 2021
9:15 am

1. Welcome and Introductions

Call to order: 9:14 am

In attendance: Shannon Bird, Caroline Morley, Melissa Darby, Katherine Rose, Marni Reid, Lisa Bird, Azita Wilson, Ashley Ivie, Stephanie Johnson, Kim Wimmer, Tiffany Smith, Baylee Lansford, Shauna Hill, Sue Davis

Katie Jarvis - Administrative Intern

Marilyn Richards visiting from School Board

2. Discussion on new proposed dress policy changes

Marilyn shared notes and concerns about dress policy from School Board meeting last night. Talking with more administrators about concerns the board had about how to be consistent in administering. Trying to be gender neutral and parent centric. Relationships are more important to parents – than policing what kids wear – keeping all these things in mind.

3. Update on 9800 South Construction at Bangerter

UDOT states there will be access at 9800 South.

City pushing for going under 9800 South to be able to access a crossing bridge for students going to Elk Meadows Elementary and Elk Ridge Middle schools.

Brought up discussion of increasing parking lot size again. Using the UDOT construction and increase of traffic to show we need an updated parking lot. Buses would be moved to the East side of the school with the longer parking lot and parents moved back to South parking lot for easier access.

4. Roberts Rules of Order

How we vote on items. More parents present than teachers and administrators.

Attendance – if two meetings are missed with no communication to Shannon, SCC President, then you will be removed from council.

5. School Code of Conduct

Received copy of Code of Conduct and reviewed by principal. Many policies are based from Jordan School District policies.

6. Money being spent from Landtrust

One to one w/ chrome books in grades three through sixth.

Second Grade has four carts.

First Grade has two carts.

Kindergarten shares one cart.

Landtrust money will be used to create rotation schedule updating carts that become obsolete throughout the school.

“Specials” rotations are paid for using landtrust money: library, PE, STEM, theatre. Mr. Duncan is theatre teacher and very popular. Kids love the theatre class option. The new STEM based class is an exciting change from keyboarding.

Questions were asked about full day kindergarten. Marilyn suggested contacting your legislature concerning getting funding for full day kindergarten. Full day kindergarten is a funding issue not a vote from the school board.

Purchased more programs to assist kids in individualized learning: Walk to Read – small group or larger group (based on skills) working with students. Huge celebration for the learning and increasing of skills on an individualized level. Comprehension program – Jacob’s Ladder – working with students who do not need smaller work groups. Goes deeper – not wider- teaching better skills on grade level – not learning something from a grade beyond their grade level.

7. Jordan District Literacy Initiative:

-Heggerty K-3

-Really Great Reading

(CountDown in K, Blast in 1, HD word in 2, Word plus in 3) working on phonics

-95% or Walk to Read

-MSRC 3-6

Programs are interconnected and feed off each other – working with students and increasing skills.

School Board helped purchase some of these programs to run at school level.

8. No Homework and Newsletter feedback

Parents are loving the newsletters and no homework policy. Parents are talking with kids based on information included on newsletter and knowing what is happening at school. Teachers are on board with no homework policy. Focusing on what it’s important and not busy work.

Question on Flex Friday brought to attention of council. People are using it as an extra vacation day throughout their families. Suggestion was made to invite students needing additional help on the concept being covered – even though it is an open invitation every time. Four Flex days in a school year doesn’t feel productive.

9. Yearbook from Bell Photography

Fundraiser for School Community Council. Council mostly agrees to do the yearbook for this school year.

We will need a coordinator to work with Bell to create our yearbook. Caroline Morley volunteered to be the coordinator for the Yearbook.

We can use a cover based on Bell Photography designing the cover, or use coloring contest for cover and other pages throughout the book. First week of December the cover is due – so need to get working on the coloring contest being presented to the students.

Production cost is \$10. Can charge up to \$18.00. \$15.00 suggested price of books.

At next Community Council meeting - ideas will be discussed on how to use the funds raised, and will there be names printed on the standing class pictures.

Adjourn: 11:15 am

Next Meetings: 11/10/21, 1/19/22, 3/16/22, and 5/18/22