

M. Lynn Bennion Elementary School
School Community Council Meeting
December 21, 2017

Those in attendance: Edward Hannan, Carrie Chalverus, Hannah Rapp, Laura De la Cruz, Tisha Eggleston, Lannie Fetzer, Dahlia Cordova, Erin Freeman, Sharlon Harding.

Meeting conducted by Edward Hannan, SCC Chair who then turned it over to Dahlia Cordova, Principal due to illness.

- Welcome
- Minutes
 - Reviewed minutes from last meeting. Carrie moved to approve minutes, Robert seconded the motion, and all were in favor.
- UEPC update from last data collection meeting
 - Information was shared about home visits, and observations in classrooms.
 - Noted that 100% of teachers are posting collaborative norms. 36% to 42% of students were speaking in full sentences during instruction time. Goal has now been set to 50%.
 - Full-time coaches are helping with instruction and helping teachers.
 - Teachers have “think spaces” in their classrooms for students as a way to reduce time outside of the classroom.
- SCC Land Trust update
 - Land trust money is based on number of students within the school
 - Handout was given out and reviewed for this school year’s plan. (See attached)
 - 4 agreements, posted in the school.
 - Goal of bettering student attendance – working with the YWCA (26% of population at school)
 - Home visits are to help with attendance and building relationships with families.
- Security System coming/gate in parking lot behind school
 - All doors will be locked, will be needed to be buzzed in by office.
 - Gate in the back to allow only teachers and staff to park.
- SEP Conferences and Bookfair
 - Will be January 23 & 24th
 - Stake holder survey will be available for parents to fill out in library.
 - Will be prize drawings, and Pizza parties for classes with 100% parent attendance provided by Capital Church.
- Holiday Gifts for students
 - Shoes, provided by Shoes for soles.
 - Capital Church provided small gift bags for each student
 - Large number of coats donated to school for students who them.
- Lack of Nurse on campus

- Concern was brought up about the lack of a full-time nurse at Bennion. Reason for not having a nurse at Bennion is lack of funding. Parents discussed ways to possibly fund a nurse. Ideas included Land Trust money and petitioning the school board.
- Dress Code
 - It was asked what exactly Bennion's dress code is. There is no uniform, but it has been asked that there are no printed words or images on student's shirts.
 - It was asked about how well enforced the dress code is, Dahlia answered that it is up to the individual teachers to enforce the dress code. Parents discussed that not all teachers are enforcing it the same. Dahlia said she would discuss this concern with the teachers at their next faculty meeting.
 - Concern over the difficulty this dress code might cause for the high percentage of families at Bennion with low income, it was suggested that the SCC work on changing the current dress code. It was decided to table the discussion for now and add it to the agenda for next month's meeting.
- Calendar of upcoming activities
 - Went over those listed on agenda
 - Next Meeting will be January 18th after Books and Bagels.