

School Community Council Meeting Minutes (Unapproved)

Thursday, May 17, 2018, 3:15 p.m. - School Library

FINAL MEETING of SCHOOL YEAR - minutes approved

"...what is in the best interest of the students..."

- 1. Welcome Introductions Tracie Sexton, Jennifer Hughes, Heather B. Armstrong, Amy Perry, Jim Levy, Betsy Kleba, Molly Hames, Deborah Candler, Elissa Wiscomb, Brandon Bennett, Julia Lyon, Katherine Kennedy, Christine Fuller, Lynn Rosen, Jennifer Schreiter in attendance.
- 2. Announcements
- 3. School Reports
 - a. PTA Report Volunteers still needed for Art Showcase. Next year's Back-to-School Night is going to be a BBQ. Whitney Childers got <u>WasatchPTA.com</u> website to be able to sell merchandise online including memberships, shirts, etc. She's also working to improve school website and make it more up-to-date. She will also run fundraiser next fall.
 - b. SIC Chair Report Elissa Wiscomb Back-to-School Night will take place Thursday, Aug. 16 with BBQ/food at 5:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. open house where kids can come meet their teachers. Class placement will be announced early August. Goal is to help kids and families feel more comfortable and make first day more about learning than introductions. A visual art rotation will be added so that all students will spend a trimester with Julie Lewis (one music rotation will be lost). This will also deepen teachers' art instruction. Lewis is an independent contractor. Penny Caywood will teach 4th and 5th, 6th grade choir. New 4th grade teacher hired Matt Mitchell from Whittier Elementary. Effort to decrease hallway noise by lining up outside doors before school and after lunch/recess. Parents are encouraged to drop children off in area where child will line up.

4. Agenda

- a. Approve April minutes (vote) Betsy Kleba motions to approve. Brandon Bennett seconds. Unanimously approved. No further discussion
- b. School Items
 - i.Bryant Update: no update to provide
 - ii. Emergency 96 Hour Kit Fair; Review Close to 300 people attended. Tables were busy and many attendees went home with products that can be used for kits. Vendors happy with sales and willing to return for repeat event.
 - iii. Coffee and Cocoa with Candler: Thursday, May 24th at 8:00 AM last of the year
 - iii. Classroom Emergency Backpacks cleanout and volunteers for next year teachers should use food (can't be saved) before end of year. Kids at West High who need volunteer hours could help next year, or boy scouts who assisted this year.
 - iv. Calendar for Next Year Start and end times remain the same. October 24/25 proposed parent-teacher conference. First day of school is Aug. 20 and will be short day. Tracie Sexton votes to approve the Wasatch 2018-19 Calendar. Julia Lyon seconds. Unanimously approved. No further discussion.

- iv. Elections evaluate membership and council size for fall elections Current council of 16 (12 parents, four faculty). Elissa Wiscomb (SIC Chair), Matt Mitchell (upper grade rep.) and Ken Coleman (lower grade rep.) will be on SCC as faculty next fall. Returning SCC members include Betsy Kleba, Katherine Duncan, Amy Perry, Brandon Bennett, Heather Armstrong. Caryl Fletcher will not be returning. Tracie Sexton will be stepping down as SCC chair and will not return to next year to serve on the SCC. Julia Lyon has agreed to serve as chair for the 2018-19 school year. Six members expected to come back and six seats will be open but council size could grow if more are interested.
- v. Review Upcoming Events Multiple town meetings next week. Art showcase Friday night. May 25 is non-student day. Out for Memorial Day on May 28. Field Day 3rd through 6th grades is 29th of May at 9 a.m. Kindergarten through second grade is on May 31 at 9 a.m. Sixth grade promotion is June 5 at 11 a.m. Family fun festival is June 6 at 5:30 p.m.
- vi. Other End of Year Business Fall EEP goals will be created by the faculty and reviewed with the SCC. These will also be reviewed/updated again every 90 days.
- c. District Items Katherine Kennedy, district school board member, complimented the hallways. She also praised LAND Trust Plan and EEP. A ninth grader who recently brought an unloaded gun to West High was quickly brought to school's attention. State has allocated an additional \$2.3 million to districts that may be spent for elementary school counselors or social workers. Candler advocated for more mental health support for students at Wasatch and all schools. Kennedy said money could be spent on social-emotional training for teachers. Wiscomb said more counselors would be beneficial. Equalization will lead to slightly increased property taxes and money will be redistributed to other districts. A vote on a 10 cent increase gas tax increase will take place in the fall that could lead to more dollars for education.
- d. Principal report Deborah Candler
 - i.Review school budget On track to spend necessary funds and financially in black. There will be no more than 10% carryover of LAND Trust monies.
 - ii. Staffing Still interviewing for interventionists for next fall.
 - iii. Other
 - iv. Opportunity for community to ask questions or bring forth concerns
- 5. Review Action Items

Have a fun and safe summer!
Watch for 2018-2019 SCC election information in your
August and September STAR Folders!
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