

Columbia Elementary

School Community Council Meeting Minutes

April 3, 2017

4:00 p.m.

In Attendance: Tiffany Southworth, Krisse Prestwich, Kathe Riding, Taryn Cox, Mindy Plagge, Suzette Johnson, Meredith Llewellyn

Discussion: LAND TRUST FUNDS

Reviewed SAGE scores from last two years to see what our needs are. Although we had growth last year, we have room for improvement across the board.

Was unanimously agreed that the Science specialist is amazing and we all want to keep Cara Hagman and the experiential learning she is providing to our students. However, although there is ample qualitative evidence to measure the effects of her class, it is difficult to measure quantitatively because of the spiral science core. Kathe offered to pay for this program and teacher from other funds if we used Land Trust funds to cover another teacher.

After much discussion, it was determined that our RTI teacher also has an impact on 100% of our students and her effects are measurable across the board. RTI instructor will help us achieve a 7-10% growth in SAGE scores in Literacy and Math.

Vote: Meredith motioned to spend all Land Trust Funds allocated for the 2017-2018 school year on a licensed RTI teacher. Mindy seconded the motion. All voting members present were in favor. Suzette is not a voting member but expressed favor for the motion.

Reports: Implementing Turn Around has made teachers happy because they can see the difference their instruction is making on an ongoing basis. It is LOTS of work but there are big pay offs for teachers and kids as they learn together what they can do.

Title One: Columbia's Celebration Night will be on May 17th. Hot dogs will be served and each student will be given a Summer learning pack to encourage ongoing learning over the break. Packs will include a book as well as language and math workbooks.

Community Discussion:

Safety: Parents are still unruly and in too big of a hurry in the parking lots.

Wellness Report: Hand sanitizer needs to be moved to the middle table in the lunchroom so it is accessible by students who bring home lunch as well as those getting school lunch. Water Coolers in the portables are unsanitary.

Testing: First day of SAGE testing went well

Programs: Child Abuse of Utah Non-Profit Organization would like to do training in our school for parents and teachers. Their curriculum is from the Utah Office of Education. Kathe will get information and work with the Family Learning Center on presenting the materials if they are appropriate for our community.

Celebrate Columbia Success: Turn Around is going well.

Utah Food Bank gives more food to the Columbia Community than any other because we are well organized and our students are happy to receive it.

Susan Locke is a Jordan Education Foundation teacher of the year award recipient. Columbia teachers are amazing and we are pleased to see one of them recognized for the amazing work she does with students.

Looking ahead to next year: We need to run an Inform the Community Campaign to get great Community Council members for next year. We need to educate parents on what the SCC does and that it provides a powerful voice for parents. There isn't a lot of time involved but the time that is required is important and requires commitment.

Our council consists of 4 School representatives and 5 Parent representatives (4 elected and 1 PTA appointee) Krisse and Mindy will serve their second years next year. Tiffany will run again and Meredith will no longer be eligible to serve as a parent representative.

SCC will announce the two vacancies at Back To School Night and on the first day of school. Nominations will be due by Aug. 28th. Elections if necessary will be due on Sept. 6th. The first meeting for next year will be held on September 11th at 4:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 5:25