

Minutes of School Community Council Meeting

Tuesday, November 3, 2015

About 2:30 P.M.

Brooke Petersen, Melissa Huntington, Kristine Laws, Ellen Hadfield representing the Parent Members were in attendance.

Brydi Sharp, Tabitha Kelly, and Sharon Burgess and were not in attendance.

Jerel Lofley representing School Council Members was in attendance.

Carli O'Neil and Nancy Hansen were not in attendance.

Brooke Petersen, Chairman, conducted the meeting.

The minutes for the School Community Council Meeting held October 6, 2015, were reviewed. The minutes were approved.

The Final Report for our 2014-2015 TrustLand Plan was reviewed. The expenses were listed on the report. They were discussed. The expenses from the TrustLand Plan for the current year were discussed.

General scores from the SAGE testing for grades 3-6 from last spring were distributed and discussed. Individual scores will be distributed to students and parents in the near future. End of year scores for reading and math were distributed and discussed for grades K-3. DIBELS and SAGE testing purposes were discussed. Our science test scores are the lowest of the SAGE tested subjects.

Brooke Peterson expressed she felt our plan was a good plan. She felt the teachers work to help students who may be having trouble or falling behind.

We need to use the money allocated for science in our plan to help students do better in science.

We have purchased software that can be used at school and at home to help students in reading, math, and science. It was suggested that we might encourage extra incentives for students using the available software. Ideas were discussed of ways parents can be made more aware of the online resources available. Small notes are lost so a full page note or a small note stapled to a full sheet would be best if a note is sent home. It was suggested that extra credit could be given to students using the software at home.

We need to look at the results of last year's plan to determine what worked and what didn't. The final report for the 2014-2015 plan is due October 20. To create our new plan we first need to determine teacher's needs and whether or not last year's plan worked. Jerel Lofley is to make and share an itemized list of expenditures for last year's plan. He verbally shared some of the expenses. We need to look at last spring's test scores to determine our academic needs for the new plan.

Kristine Laws suggested that a possible way to help students have better test scores is to allocate some of the Plan's money to those classes or groups of students that have lower test scores.

Kristine Laws and Ellen Hadfield expressed concerns relating to the Go Math program adopted by the District.

If parents would like to see the kinds of problems that are on the SAGE Test they can go to the SAGE Portal website at sageportal.org.

Ideas relating to reading improvement were discussed. Organizing parent volunteers to help in the school was discussed.

The question was asked if another school in the area has an outstanding program we could use as a model to help our students.

Teachers at our school need to be encouraged to give input to the Council relating to their desires, needs, and use of finances for the 2016-2017 plan.

The Waterford preschool program was discussed. The question was asked if Waterford has a science program that could help our school.

We will not hold a school science fair this year, but individual projects are to be shared in classrooms and between classes.

Ellen Hadfield moved to close the meeting. The motion was seconded by Kristine Laws

The meeting adjourned at about 3:50 P.M.