

Minutes of School Community Council Meeting

Friday, February 2, 2018

2:30 P.M.

Melissa Huntington and Carisa Mann representing the Parent Members were in attendance.

Parent members not in attendance: Brydi Sharp, Brayci Sitterud, Korie Hansen

School Council Members in attendance: Jerel Lofley

School Council Members not in attendance: Jennifer Parkins

Melissa Huntington, Chairman, conducted the meeting.

Minutes were reviewed. One correction was made. Carisa Mann motioned to accept the minutes as corrected. Jerel Lofley seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

Carisa Mann explained and shared information about Amazon Smile fundraising. To participate, the school must register. We also discussed the Smith's fundraising activity our school is currently participating in. The question was asked if the purchase of fuel was included in the percentage of funds the school receives. We should send out reminders to parents about these fundraisers. Carisa suggested we could include Amazon Smile, Smith's, and box top reminders in one note. Jerel Lofley is to check with the Parent Teacher Organization to see if they will be doing box tops this year. Using Parent-Link to remind parents to participate in these fundraisers was also discussed. Parents need to be informed of the purpose and uses of the funds raised. Examples of how the funds are used should be included in the shared information.

Melissa Huntington expressed that using Trust Land funds to hire aides is a good use of money. We discussed setting up sessions in summer school focusing on reading or math. In previous years both subjects has been taught in the class sessions.

We reviewed the planned expenses of this year's plan, especially the salaries for aides, summer school, and substitutes. Carisa Mann suggested we could plan to use some of our funds for additional educational field trips. This was discussed. Previous field trips Cleveland Elementary has participated in were discussed. Currently, the District allots a certain number of miles to each school for field trips. This is usually equivalent to one field trip per class. Grades K-3 are required to limit their trips to our local area which can include Carbon County. Grades 4-5 are allowed to travel outside the local area. If we use funds for field trips, the trips would need to reinforce the academic areas of our plan. Canyon View Middle School set aside some funds for the purpose of each grade using them for a field trip. Carisa feels using some Trust Land money for field trips could be a good thing if funds are available. Last year we had about \$1900 we did not spend because we thought it would be used for salaries, but was not. This money was carried over to this year. Field trips should be added to next month's agenda to discuss with the remainder of the Council. We also need to follow up with fund raising efforts. In our last meeting we discussed having a writing contest with incentives provided by the PTO. Someone was going to talk to the PTO to see if they would be willing to do that. Brydi may have volunteered to do that. We need to follow up with that.

Using incentives to encourage participation or doing something well was discussed. People excel in what they are interested in and excited about doing. We need to think about things we can do to build that interest and excitement. Melissa expressed that it seems like many of the fun things about school have been lost because of the focus on other areas. Kids need to be excited about things when they are young. Robotics will be at our school next year. Because of the success of the Robotics program at Cleveland this year, Those responsible for robotics in the District are considering starting a program at each of the

schools. If we want our scores to improve, we need to find a way to get the kids excited. Clubs may be a way to do that. Time and volunteers become considerations as we look at clubs. Teachers' time needs to be considered. Outside volunteers may be available. Activities for students not involved in sports would be good and should be considered. It was suggested we look at other schools and what they are doing as it relates to clubs and other after-school activities.

Our academic areas of focus next year should be: math, reading, and writing. In our plan, we need to look at increasing the number of aides, the focus and organization of summer school, the possibility of inviting an author and/or illustrator to school to encourage writing and reading. A contest relating to a story or book and illustrations could be held with prizes to encourage participation. The contest would need to be done by grade. Perhaps this could lead to an author's or writer's club. Students could publish a book. We may be able to purchase needed software. These ideas could be used to begin a club. We have local authors and illustrators that may be willing to share.

Carisa Mann made a motion to close the meeting. Melissa Huntington seconded the motion

The meeting adjourned about 3:45 P.M.