

Community Council Meeting Minutes

March 2, 2015

People in Attendance: Janel Ruzzi, Sarah Timpson, Christine Christensen, Gabriel Ruzzi, Alisha Kerby

Excused: Brianna Jackman, Chelsea Walker, Misty Nichols

Start Time: 5:05pm

Misty Nichols is moving away and so the council discussed inviting Becki Pulley to take over her term. Sarah will speak to her and extend the invitation.

Alisha Kerby is our new faculty member on the community council.

We discussed some more about the "Wishlist" we have for the Trust Lands money. Chelsea Walker sent an email with her wish list and we reviewed what we had talked about last time. We need to be sure to not carry over more than \$1000 each year in our Trust Lands Budget. Items that were mentioned for this budget include the following:

- Continue aides for reading intervention
- Reduce class sizes (especially in K-2)
- Computer lab aide
- Put \$\$ towards STEM implementation
- Continue with Leader In Me
- Substitute \$\$ for PLC
- Successful Recess/P.E. aide
- After school reading programs/aide
- Summer programs
- Read-A-thon with incentives (we thought we could pass this one on to the PTA)
- Chromebooks for upper grade teachers (12)

We will prioritize our spending at our next meeting. We want to include ALL of the items that are allowed in our plan, but some of them may not be able to be funded, however including them in our plan allows us to fund these items if others don't cost as much as expected or "extra" money is received.

A discussion about our fine art specialist options was had and the council decided to continue with the dance option.

Staffing for the upcoming school year was discussed. Two options were presented and after some discussion scenario #1 seemed to be the best option, avoiding a split grade level class. The figures

presented were only estimates though and if the numbers are significantly different Mrs. Christensen will let the community council members know and allow them to weigh in with their opinion.

Sarah presented an email she received about a rally being held at the Capital next Monday (March 9, 2015). The organizers of the rally include local school boards, UEA and GEA. They would like at least 10 people from each school building to be at the rally at 5:30pm and wearing red. They want us to promote the Governor's plan to fund education 6.25%. Council members were encouraged to attend and to contact their representatives.

Council members who have watched the videos (Earning for Education and Touch the Future):

- Chelsea Walker
- Janel Ruzzi
- Christi Christensen
- Sarah Timpson
- Misty Nichols
- Gabriel Ruzzi

The agenda items for the next meeting (April 13th) are not limited to but will include the following:

- Discuss upcoming council member vacancies.
- Prioritize Trust Lands Expenditures

Meeting adjourned at 5:55pm.