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Neil Armstrong Academy Community Council

Date: November 12, 2015 | 4:00 P.M. | Meeting called to order by: Darrell Kirby

In Attendance:

Darrell Kirby (Chair), Nikki Cunningham (Vice Chair) Tyler Howe (Administrator), Carrie DiVall (Parent Council Member), Kristine Johansen (Teacher Member), Mysti Hedquist (Teacher Member/Note Taker), Carrie Johnson (Parent Council Member), Pablo Garcia (Parent Council Member), Robert Goodick (Parent Council Member)

Guests:

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Howe motion, Mr. Goodick seconds, approved.

Item 1: Introduction of Council Members

Darrell Kirby started with council introductions and assignments. On website photos of each member, checked phone numbers and emails of all members.

Item 1: STEM School Designation- Tyler Howe & Mysti Hedquist 4:00-4:30

Mr. Howe, Mrs. Hedquist & Mr. Moulder met with Sarah Young and discussed and planned how to best complete the STEM School Application. The team feels that Armstrong will have 103 points o. Armstrong needs 100 to be considered a Platinum Level STEM school, after counting up the points, the committee feels the school will be able to earn 103 points. Mr. Howe, Mrs. Hedquist, Mr. Moulder, and Mrs. Thayer were given writing assignments to have completed in two weeks. Every two weeks the team will complete two domains. They goal is to complete two domains every two weeks. The group plans to meet next Friday, Nov. 20th at 1:30 to edit and revise the first two domains and assign the writing of the next two domains.

Item 2 & 3: Expenditures, progress on current land trust plan & professional development addendum to current land trust plan. Darrell Kirby & Tyler Howe 4:30- 5:40

We will hire multiple para-educators to facilitate the kindergarten/1st/2nd grade reading program. They will help facilitate (on a weekly basis) progress monitoring of students' reading abilities using the mClass DIBELS software and facilitate small-group time for the certified teachers to provide the most direct intervention to the students who are not reading on grade level. We'll purchase leveled readers as tools for our para-educators and teachers to use in this reading development.

Additionally, we will hire substitute teachers to facilitate teacher collaboration and professional development time during the instructional day and address the fundamental PLC questions regarding student learning outcomes and data analysis. In combination with school staffing plans and district specialist programs, this will facilitate a near-daily collaboration block for teachers. The school principal will work as a member of the grade-level PLC teams and collaborate with them individually for at least one 45-minute period every other week. Additionally, he will work to train PLC team leaders on how to use the collaboration most effectively to enhance student learning and achieve the LAND Trust goal.

As part of the teacher collaboration time, we will participate in the Conceptual Mathematics Instruction (CMI) training to support our guided-inquiry approach to teaching the Utah Core Standards. We will fund two on-site facilitators and a visiting professor to assist in the professional development as well as supply the corresponding textbooks for each teacher.

The council will vote on Friday, Nov. 20th at 1:15.

Item 4: Coordination of school fundraising efforts- Robert Goodick- 5:40-5:50

There are a lot of donation and fundraising requests going on at Armstrong. Mr. Goodick is wondering if there could be more coordination so that parents aren't so overwhelmed with all the donation solicitations. Granite policy is that the school has one official school fundraiser, one PTA fundraiser, and one charitable fundraiser. The rest are teachers looking for needed supplies/donations for various learning experiences. It is asked if teachers would be able to have a list of the things they need for the whole year monetary wise ready at the beginning of the year. Mr. Howe will bring the coordination of the donations to the school leadership team to discuss and to gain teacher input. Results will be reported back at the next meeting.

Item 5: Open-forum discussion-Item 6: Agenda Items for November meeting- 5:50-6:00

-Darrell Kirby- District Community Council Meeting- Robert Hogan with Granite School District was invited to come to one of the future meetings to discuss boundary issues.

-Pablo Garcia- wondering if Community Council can/should invite city council members and school board members to Community Council meetings. Mr. Howe stayed that anybody is welcome to come to the meetings.

Item 7: Agenda items for December Meeting.

-STEM Application Progress

-Review of budget and Land Trust progress

-Fundraising concerns

Item 8: Adjourn

Next Meeting: Dec. 10th

End Time 6:00 P.M.