



MINUTES

Neil Armstrong Academy Community Council

Date: November 20, 2015 | 1:15 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)

Guests:

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Howe motion, Mrs. DiVall seconds, approved.

Item 1: Approval of Land Trust Amendment

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.

There was a 7-0 vote in favor of approving the Land Trust Amendment

Item 8: Adjourn

Next Meeting: Dec. 10th

End Time 1:30 P.M.