

# ***Bennion Elementary Community Council***

## ***Meeting Notes***

October 14, 2020

Minutes from the Last Meeting were not read at this time.

### **I. Introductions**

Stephanie Orphanakis joined us for the meeting today. She is the Literacy Coach for the school. She will discuss the DIBELS funding request.

### **II. Vote on SCC Chair and Vice Chair**

Cassandra Fry will be the new Chair and Jennifer Cowley will remain as the Vice Chair for the 2020 - 2021 school year.

### **III. How are things going?**

We have had four confirmed cases of COVID-19 at the school in the past two weeks however, none of these cases have been spread at school... each has been brought from home. One adult, one single and two siblings.

Carol talked about how the teachers are taking care of hygiene. The kids are really working hard to keep everyone safe. Mask wearing is not a problem with the kids with the exception of masks not being the proper size for the kids so their noses are becoming exposed. Teachers are doing as much as possible to make sure everyone stays safe.

Jennifer raised the question as to why are we not using the play structures like several other schools in the District are doing. Jane said that they do not have enough staff to clean the structures after each class but she will be looking into other ideas from other school about perhaps opening the structure for the lower grades.

Our school fundraiser raised about \$10,000.00 this year with the chocolate and online sales. This money will be used to buy more playground equipment. Items mentioned that were still needed are tether balls, jump ropes of all sizes more balls.

### **IV. Amendments to 2020 - 2021 Land Trust Funds**

Jane asked if it was okay to move \$750.00 of the trust money to pay for the installation of the Smart Boards. The Community Council voted to approve the request.

Stephanie asked us if it would be possible to use some of the Land Trust money to pay for the online Acadience/DIBELS for 4 -6 grades. This will be \$5.95/student which will

be approximately \$1,600.00. The Council voted to approve the allotment. As part of that discussion it became clear that several of the teachers did not send DIBELS out to parents prior to SEP. Jane will look into that and make sure we have a clearer plan going forward so parents are better able to be more informed and to see what is going on with the DIBELS.

V. Additional Items

There was discussion about the reconfiguration plan that will move forward in 2021 – 2022. Concerns were raised about preparing the 5<sup>th</sup> graders for their transition into Middle school next year. Jane is working on what needs to be done for those kids. One item is allowing the 5<sup>th</sup> graders to do the safety patrol mid year. Other items i.e. end of year dances, field trips, etc will be addressed if COVID changes to allow those activities.

Angela serves on the Community Council for Bennion Jr. High and invited any parent with concerns or who want to give feedback about the reconfiguration to please come to their SCC meeting on October 28<sup>th</sup> at 3:15 at the Jr. High School.

VI. Adjournment at 4:20pm

***Next Community Council Meeting to be held November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 3:15pm***

In attendance:

Seth Metcalf  
Jane McClure  
Brandy Shrank Hamstra  
Angela Wayman  
Stephanie Orphanakis

Jennifer Cowley  
Carol Anderson  
Jennifer Hall  
Cassandra Fry