

COPPER HILLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, February 8, 2017 – 3:20-4:40pm – Room 19 Family Center

VOTING MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Tracy Rose – Joan Thompson – Treasa Ring – Daniel Bartholoma – Aaron Weight – Chris Scott – Sarah Printy – Eric Ferguson

POSITIVES

- **Aaron** My son did well in the Science Fair, a geothermal heat pump system, and is going to the district finals next week.
- **Treasa** I've submitted my post-tests for math.
- **Eric** Everybody who signed up for my home guitar lessons showed up.
- **Tracy** We got the school technology grant submitted. I feel really good about the document itself. Vicki (Dean?) and our leadership put a lot into it, and it should be a good working and changing document moving forward. Good for getting bits and pieces of technology acquired for school STEM goals. We should get an acceptance answer on Feb 24. **Dan recommended also contacting Trish Hull with the Magna Library and Magna Chamber of Commerce.**
- **Joan** Fourth Grade students are making the annual ski trip tomorrow to Park City.
- **Sarah** I have a new niece!
- **Chris** I was glad to see Magna singers on last night's District Board meeting minutes and heard of high attendance at last night's Magna Town Council meeting. Hopefully tonight's public Cyprus Network meeting as well.

Joan commented during later discussion that Salt Lake Tribune and KSL did a recent story on how to ask for a bond for maximum positive response.

PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES READ AND APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Comments: School staff is very much on top of the remodeling changes for the security measures discussed in November. Plan is to be done with remodeling 3 weeks before schools starts in August 2017.

AGENDA ITEM – STUDENT SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENT PLAN REVIEW

Tracy reviewed SSAP in detail.

- UCAT grade of C this year, would have been a B but some rules were changed.
Question from Chris: Rule change details? **Answer:** January 2016 legislature reduced number of schools that could receive various grades (like a grading curve). **Tracy:** We want to grow out of the norm anyway!

Commitments section – Topics covered in more depth are noted below.

- **Gifted students:** Goal is to focus on thinking skills. Knowledge is available everywhere in this day and age, the best skill to develop is the ability to evaluate and put the right

validated knowledge to good use. Also, depth of knowledge ensures high achievers will not give up when they hit a difficulty.

- **Disabilities:** Goal is to create a “least restrictive environment”.
- **Language:** Wonders a key program, keeps individual students on the same basic topics and stories while still allowing grow at their own pace.
- **Math:** A reminder that our tools are only tools, teachers are key and therefore are allowed flexibility and interpretation.

Goals section:

- A number of BOY-EOY goals for DIBELS are well underway. Discussed methods for setting high goals in preparation for next grade levels.
Question from Sarah: 3rd grade has higher goals than other grades. Discussed the criticality of 3rd grades for future performance, and the goals are required by state.
- Copper Hills Math has been a major SAGE achievement. 4th grade excelling in particular. Aaron explained to Tracy that lower 5th and 6th performance was at least partly due to a new approach that SCC agreed to last year.

Vote taken to approve the SSAP As Is:

YES Tracy Rose – Joan Thompson – Treasa Ring – Daniel Bartholoma – Aaron Weight – Chris Scott – Sarah Printy – Eric Feguson

Roll call vote was unanimous of those present. Motion passed.

AGENDA ITEM – BUDGET AMENDMENT TO PAY FOR MATH NIGHT

\$1,798 originally allocated, most of it spent on **Math Night**. Very high teacher participation, and Tracy considers it a productive use of funds.

Literacy Night coming **Thursday March 2**. Important to involve full staff as well, but now there are not enough funds. Very high Literacy Night participation last year prompted higher teacher participation for Math Night this year. A good trend.

Art Night is also on the same night, with a staffed art walk on display. Dan expressed his excitement.

Proposal: Use software budget to pay for teachers, since much of the software licenses have been paid for through other channels already.

- PTA may have some funds, but PTA not authorized to pay teachers.
- We can promise to pay teachers contingent on total expenses.
- Can we partner with business for equipment and software? Yes. Tracy has spoken already with Lions Club members.
- Can it be done with a letter or does grant form have to be used? No, a letter is sufficient.

SCC members may contact potential donors in the community.

SCC decided to table the vote until March 8 meeting, after we see how much spent on Literacy Night.

NON-AGENDA ITEM – PARKING LOT UPDATE

Eric: A parking zone change in front of school would require a township-wide ordinance. We would have to find out if the same issue affects schools throughout Magna Township.

Would every neighborhood tolerate the enforcement? Other schools discussed. **General consensus was to drop the idea.**

NON-AGENDA ITEM – PROPOSAL TO REMOVE A SCHOOL WALL TO OPEN SPACE

Tracy: Take down wall between teacher workroom and faculty room. **Can be paid for with school capital, but she wanted to advise us it's being discussed.**

Dan: What do the teachers want?

Joan: Since the issue is workroom space, what about shrinking the workstation islands?

NON-AGENDA ITEM – PROPOSAL FOR AIDE TO TRACK ATTENDANCE

Tracy: Too many red flags on excused absences at this point in the school year. Is everything being tracked accurately? Do we have enough staff in front office?

Proposal for an aide to be fully in charge for tracking and following up for March meeting. **To be pulled from hardware/software after Literacy Night?**

NON-AGENDA ITEM – PARENT VOLUNTEERS DON'T ALWAYS HAVE ENOUGH TO DO

Question: Can other teachers take advantage and put them to use?

Answer: Not necessarily without preparation, but if planned, would be useful.

Talk to Krista Gallagher about working up a scheduling system.

Parent volunteer call-out requested on next Thursday Note.

In next month's meeting, SCC must begin talking about next Trustlands Budget so we can vote in April. Aaron requested data from Copper Hills educators by March meeting so SCC can have an informed discussion. Principal agreed.

Next meeting Wednesday March 8, at 3:15pm in Room 19 Family Center.