

Diamond Ridge Elem. School
Community Council Meeting Minutes
April 6, 2016

Meeting convened—4:35

In attendance - Monica Thayer, Katy Timothy, Lisa Whiting, Melissa Bouderbala, Michelle McCarthy, Cindi Hansen, Katie Shaw, Connie Pender, Jill Tho, Ave Neria, Lauren Szykula, Jennifer Buckingham, Sandee Eisert, Stacy Brown, and Kira Thygerson.

-March minutes were approved by all council members. Lisa moved to accept the motion and Melissa second the motion for the approved meeting minutes.

-Ben Horsley with the district sent an email about law HB213 passed. We must be involved in digital citizenship. This is not new to us. Land Trust must be approved digitally.

-Approve LAND Trust for 2016-2017 school year. Monica talked about how we must spend funds on the students that are in the school now. Next year's plan is nearly the same as last years. We will meet the state's reading Uniform Growth Goal. Students who struggle will have additional intervention time and will be monitored at least every two weeks. With LAND Trust funds, para professionals will be hired to assist with reading needs, a computer lab aide will be hired, subs for teachers will be provided to allow additional professional learning community meetings, library books will be purchased, as well as computer hardware such as iPads and Chromebooks. Extra funds will go to additional aide time, library, and computer hardware. We will publicize purchases with stickers in books and on computers, on the school website, and in the school newsletter. Jennifer Buckingham wonders if we can use LAND Trust money for snow removal, and it cannot. Monica notes that Jennifer brings up snow removal as a problem sometimes as her son uses crutches to walk. Monica will talk with the custodial staff to see if they can remove the snow better. LAND Trust Funds for 2016-2017 school year were approved by all council members. Lisa moved to accept the motion and Melissa second the motion.

Monica- Katie Shaw and Heidi Gutierrez are both going to a different school next year. They are currently both reading intervention specialists. Teachers are going to take on reading intervention by grade level. They will still be co-teaching with the special education teachers and classroom aides. Katie Shaw- asked parents of current intervention kids to be in attendance. There were 4 models teachers voted on for full time educators next year. Katie Shaw is concerned because 50% of teachers voted to keep reading intervention but with the SCC's vote, it came out that the teachers do it and intervention was eliminated. Katie says this is due to none of the SCC members having kids in reading intervention. Monica says there has been extensive leadership meetings about reading intervention, the program had to change due to a staffing change with the loss of Katie and Heidi. Teacher team leaders and the majority of grade levels voted for grade level led teacher intervention. Kira wants to know how much time the kids who need intervention will be given. Monica says it depends on the grade level and the students' needs. Katie says her main concern is will the kids be getting the same level of intervention that they are getting now. Monica says teachers will try to mimic the current reading specialists program and strategies. Lauren is confident that grade levels can serve students' needs. Intervention group will have 16-17 kids and the other teachers will have 25-30 students on or

above grade level. Removing FTE for intervention could lead to smaller class sizes and more aide help. Lisa says this sounds like a win/win. Jennifer Buckingham wonders if the children will go to another room or stay with their class. Monica says kids will go to other rooms, one intervention, on level and gifted. There is a lot of concern over group sizes. Monica read a letter from a parent saying they felt like their child's teacher could have handled intervention successfully. Katie read a letter from Amy Walters, she is a parent of a child in intervention and also a teacher at our school. She expresses that intervention has helped her son tremendously but kids do miss core class work while they are in intervention. Sandee Eisert expresses concern about kids who need intense help. Will this still be available? Lauren says yes. Lisa says it sounds like nothing will change as far as the intervention program other than the grade level teachers doing it rather than the intervention teachers. There will be the same level of communication and consistency with the teachers. Lauren points out that the teachers do the same thing with math and that they are qualified to do reading intervention. Jill says that even with the changes the kids will still be with an amazing teacher. Monica thanks everyone for their input.

-Update on the school rule data. Ave- There were 550 responses. Kids data shows they want to play tag, touch snow, play football, run on the blacktop, and touch people. They also want to wear Halloween costumes. All current activities are well liked. Ave showed the council the results and will email the presentation to council. School rules will be adjusted and communicated to students and families as a result of the survey.

-Update on the lunch room eating time. SCC determined that kids can eat in the 15-20 minutes they have and we will not change the times. There is an alternate table available for kids who need more time to finish. Jennifer Buckingham wants to know why 6th grade eats first. The 6th grade is a scheduling nightmare and snacks are available for the little kids who eat later. Please put in the newsletter that fruit/healthy snacks are okay to send, teachers have to cut them though.

-Update on the Clover Creek one-way street option. Parents wanted to have Clover Creek be one-way during pick up and drop off times. Monica says Officer Millett says this will not work with the safe walking route. Cars would be turning out of the drop off zone and encounter a cross walk with no crossing guard, as well as most of the school's foot traffic. The one-way is not a safe, viable option according to Officer Millett.

-Determine SCC vacancies for the 2016-2017 school year. There are 2 vacancies for SCC next year as Melissa and Stacy's terms are up. Also the teacher representative space needs to be filled as Katie Shaw is leaving. We are hoping more people will apply or show some interest. Melissa and Stacy are both interested in staying on.

-Other. Jennifer Buckingham wants to know if we can make the school latex free. Jennifer sends her son with latex free Band-Aids but they disappear quickly. Is there anything we can do to help this situation? Monica will look into this further by working with the school nurse.

-Other. Katy spoke with the WVC traffic engineer; He says there are no plans to change the crosswalk lights on 6200 South right now, though there is a plan to eventually have a traffic light put in on 6200 South and Laurel Canyon.

Meeting adjourned at 6:12

-Next meeting will be May 4, 2016 @ 4:30 pm in the school collaboration room – Rm 119