

## Diamond Ridge Elementary Summary of School LAND Trust Final Report 2015-16

Providing opportunities for our students to realize their greatest potential is our main charge at Diamond Ridge Elementary. The focus of how LAND Trust money is spent shows our dedication to getting results that matter for kids. The bulk of our 2015-2016 LAND Trust funds were used to employ caring, skilled people who work with students in our core subjects of reading, writing, and math. Classroom aides were utilized to support reading development using small groups and individual progress monitoring, which resulted in growth in students' reading achievements. School achievement data shows growth in all grades in beginning of the year scores to our end of year benchmark scores on Granite District benchmarks and DIBELS assessments. It is our school's goal to meet or exceed the Utah State Office of Education's Uniform Growth Goal set forth for our school.

Professional development is vital for our teachers. Professional Learning Communities (PLC's) where teachers collaboratively reflect on best practice, analyze student assessment data, and share effective teaching strategies are all essentials to our schools' success. We spent a portion of our LAND Trust funds to hire substitutes to allow teachers to meet in PLCs, as well as attend training to increase their instructional capacities. In addition, we provided substitutes so our French immersion teachers could collaborate before and during SEP conferences. A small portion of our funds were utilized to purchase additional library books to increase our circulation abilities for our ever growing student body. Ten Chromebooks were purchased with remaining LAND Trust funds to increase access to technology and digital resources for our students.

We appreciate and value the benefits of Utah's LAND Trust monies. Hiring personnel to assist struggling students, providing time for teachers to develop professional skills, and increasing our print and digital resources have greatly benefited the students of Diamond Ridge.

### Summary of 2015-2016 Expenditures:

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|--------------------------------|---|-----------------|
| Salaries and Employee Benefits | Salary for para-educators (classroom aides) | \$50,046        |
| Library Books                  | Library books for school media center       | \$2500          |
| Technology                     | 10 Chromebooks                              | \$1750          |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                   |   | <b>\$54,296</b> |