

Eisenhower Jr. High School Community Council

September 8, 2021

Media Center

3:15 p.m.

In attendance:

Mark Ellermeier- principal

Hillary Dalton- parent, secretary

Betsy Valora- chairperson 2020-2021 school year

Mike Valdez- teacher

Ashley George- Chairperson 2021-2022 school year

Brittany Kesler- parent

Dave Andrews- parent

Michael Carlson- vice principal

Janet Rhodes- parent

Merri Rygg- parent, PTSA rep

Tere Gerber- counselor, vice chairperson

Christine Anderson- teacher

Andra Taylor- parent

- Betsy Valora welcomed all to the meeting and asked if there were any nominations for council chairperson, as her son is now at the high school. Ashley George volunteered and was nominated by Betsy. The nomination was seconded by Hillary Dalton. A vote was taken, and none were opposed. We appreciate her willingness to serve in this capacity. A big thank you to Betsy who has served for many years. We wish you the best of luck!
- Mr. Ellermeier welcomed the new parents and faculty to the meeting and gave a brief overview of what School LandTrust is.

The School LAND Trust program brings tens of millions of dollars annually to meet critical academic needs and enhance and improve academic excellence in Utah public schools. The funds are generated from the earnings on the permanent State School Fund, where revenue from school trust lands is invested. The funds are discretionary for academic instruction and play a vital role in student success.

Each district school in Utah elects a School Community Council (SCC) consisting of parents, teachers, and the principal. Charter Schools have Trust Lands Councils. All councils must have a two-parent member majority.

Each council identifies the focus of the School LAND Trust plan by carefully reviewing school-wide assessment data annually. Plans are developed to improve student academic performance in the identified areas with the annual School LAND Trust program funds. The plans are approved by the council, submitted on this website, and approved by the

local school board or chartering entity.
(<https://schools.utah.gov/schoollandtrust/program>)

- This year we spent our LandTrust monies on two teachers. Mr. Ellermeier let us know that he will have the LandTrust proposal ready for the October meeting. He would like to spend \$65,000 on 400 Chromebooks to replace damaged or outdated models.
- FTE- The counseling center built their schedules on 1070 students. We currently have 1100 students so if this number remains the same by October 1, 2021, the school will receive another teacher. This is based on the district allotment of 27.25 students: 1 teacher ratio. Our school has a current mobility rate of 10-15%.
- The counseling center is currently meeting with sixth grade students one on one to discuss their college/ career preparedness. They will start meeting with seventh grade students in November. If parents would like to attend these meetings, they are welcome.
- The district is in desperate need of substitute teachers. Eisenhower parents are encouraged to apply at the district. There will be a \$40.00 background check and fingerprint fee.
- Eisenhower is in need of classroom aides. If you know of anyone looking for a job, please have them apply at Granite School District.
- After school tutoring, in all core subjects plus yoga and social skills, is being offered at the school. There will not be transportation available afterwards so parents will be responsible to make those arrangements.
- A question was asked about the success of the seven-period day, as opposed to the five-period day. Principal Ellermeier is encouraged by the positive reviews by both students and teachers. He also loves that COVID has given us a reason to not have lockers. There are less tardies and less stress, especially with adding younger students.
- Our next meeting will be held on October 13, 2021, at 3:15 p.m. All parents are welcome, regardless of if they are a voting member or not.