

# School Community Council Meeting

**Monday, January 25, 2021**

**4:00pm - 4:37pm [Via Zoom](#)**

*(37 minutes)*

**People present VIA ZOOM:** Lisa Wells <[lwells@graniteschools.org](mailto:lwells@graniteschools.org)> (Principal),  
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*Not present:*

Carrie Gregersen <[Carrie.Gregersen@edgenuity.com](mailto:Carrie.Gregersen@edgenuity.com)> (parent member)  
Kristine Siler <[krissiler@gmail.com](mailto:krissiler@gmail.com)> (Vice-Chair)

## Agenda

1. **Discuss and Begin Review for Trust Plan 2021-2022 Year**
2. **Any COVID Updates**
3. **Community Outreach/Inviting more participants for SCC**
4. **Next Meeting**

### 1. **Discuss and Begin Review for Trust Plan 2021-2022 Year** (30min)

Lisa mentioned utilizing money from the Trust Fund (\$70,000) to contract a position for behavioral supports, but the job posting yielded no results.

= what else can we do to utilize this allocated money

- More para's?
- Chromebooks - need more touch screens for the little kids (50 short)?
- Lisa wants us to think about it and we can discuss it at the next meeting.

Lisa was able to hire an interventionist/sub and they started on the 7th of January.

- Frees the class aides and allows them to pull for groups.
- Cost will be approximately \$40,000 until the end of the school year.

Trust Lands Budget has to include the community council votes.

TSA Budget can be used for things like playworks and social workers (5 days a week in the pas). This year we didn't have that money.

Natalie is in support of hiring an instructional support for next year as she's been a para educator and can see how beneficial it would be for the teachers and the students.

Kathy is in support of this, mentions she's had experience in this field and knows how beneficial it can be.

Lisa discusses the time allotment, the overall job responsibilities, and possible benefits of hiring an instructional coach. (Full time, used for "push-in" groups and individual instruction, this would limit the stress of additional differential instruction on some teachers).

Stephany asks about whether or not Elk Run currently has an ESL Program, Lisa responds that we have used it in the past. Elk Run is not allowed to pull out a student out of class for this year, it must be a push-in model. Most teachers have been including ESL instruction in their classrooms.

Kathy mentions that most teachers are ESL certified, and are utilizing differentiated instruction. Students still have Kathy as a teacher, but then she will use scores and assessments in order. If they are not ESL certified then they are given assistance. Most teachers are ESL certified.

Heidi asks Lisa to estimate the percentage of teachers at Elk Run currently certified in ESL. In the 85% range.

No one opposes the idea of possibly hiring an instructional coach for next year utilizing the Trust fund budget, as we know it can improve a vast level of educational goals.

Trust Budget is about \$90,000 for this year, anticipated to go up next year as new homes are being built in the community and more students will be brought into the boundaries for Elk Run Elementary.

Cost will be roughly \$70,000 for an instructional coach.

This change will be drafted by Lisa, and the Community Council will vote to approve in the February 22, 2021 meeting to be held at 4:00pm via zoom. Members of the Community Council will make effort to inform the community of the ability to be present during this vote in February's meeting.

Natalie asks what funding would be used for paraeducators, Lisa responds that the TSSA Budget would be used (not applicable for the School Community Council/voting/etc)

## **2. Any COVID Updates (5 min)**

Lisa covers how well Elk Run staff and admin have been addressing COVID-19 this school year

- No active cases currently (as of 1/25/2021) in the students in school, 4 or 5 total this whole year where a student has tested positive.
- 2 total were out with positive results since the holiday break - they were in the same classroom.
- CDC is coming tomorrow (HERO project) is testing again on Wednesday.
- Many teachers have received their vaccine
- Major kudos to the teachers for keeping students and faculty safe, the kids have been adapting wonderfully

### **3. Community Outreach (2 min)**

Lisa put the info to join Community Council Meetings on Class DoJo so that parents can come and join

Stephany suggests creating a small/short video with spanish and english available and posting it to social media.

- Heidi offered to assist
- Heidi will Email everyone on the list to gather contact info so we can coordinate efforts for this cause.

### **4. Next Meeting (1 min)**

- Next Meeting: Monday, Feb 22, 2021, 4 PM via Zoom
- Proposed agenda item
  - Approve hiring of an Instructional Coach for 2021-22 Year

*Notes/Minutes taken by Heidi Niitsuma revised and approved by Lisa Wells*