

Gourley Elementary Community Council Meeting Minutes

March 15, 2016

In Attendance: Brandon Jones, Shelley Averett, Kim Webb, Paul Stoker, Allesen Peck

Principal Peck reviewed H.B. 213 and the council discussed measure the district and school are taking to keep students safe using digital technology. Council members reported that they are comfortable with measures being taken at the district and school level. It was felt that no further action was needed at this time.

Principal Peck explained to the council that the current Land Trust budget had around \$4,500-\$5,000 remaining, and that it needed to be spent down to zero by the end of the school year. She made the suggestion that the council vote to move all excess money into the supply count that had previously been set up in the budget. With the money transferred to that account, the school would like to purchase a 3rd grade set of the Fontis and Pinell leveled reading system to support the work being done in the reading intervention room. This would not change the goal of the Land Trust plan as it was originally set up. Chairman Jones made a motion that all excess money in the land trust budget be moved into the supply account and that the money be used to purchase the leveled ready system the principal was requesting. The motion was seconded by Kim Web. The vote by the council was unanimous.

Principal Peck presented a draft of the Land Trust plan for 2016-2017 to the council. She shared that the school leadership team was requesting that the council continue to fund the reading intervention program as our data was showing it to be a successful intervention. If the council approved the draft of the plan, the money would be used to fund .5 certified teacher and two paraprofessional aides to work in the reading intervention room. There would also be a small sum of money set up in a supply account to purchase materials needed for the reading intervention classroom. Shelley Averett asked if reading was something the school needed to focus on. Principal Peck shared that based on the end of the year SAGE data, no grade level had yet reached 30% proficiency, and therefore, she believed it was definitely an area that could use additional support. Chairman Jones made a motion to accept the Land Trust plan for the 2016-17 school year as currently written. Paul Stoker seconded the motion. The vote by the council was unanimous to accept the plan.

Principal Peck presented the proposed staffing plan to the council for their input. She informed the council that the school's district FTE had been decrease by .5 teacher. Because of that, the plan being presented reduced the teaching staff by 1. She also shared that it was recommended by the faculty that the position cut be the math intervention position as this

would not directly impact grade level classrooms and would allow us to keep class sizes down. Chairman Jones made a motion to accept the staffing plan presented for the coming school year. Shelley Averett seconded the motion. The council approved the motion unanimously.

Principal Peck presented information to the council regarding a company she had been contacted by in regards to school pictures. She shared the company information with the council and compared prices and packages offered by the new company and the present company the school was contracting with. She noted that the new company was offering pictures to families at a reduced price and asked the council for their input. Council members felt that reducing the amount our families had to pay for school pictures would be extremely helpful. They also liked that families could purchase add on pictures for just \$5.00 rather than the \$10 currently being charged. The decision was made to contract with Eastman Adams Photography for next school year.

Chairman Jones updated the council on information from the district level community council meetings. He shared the matrix graph that the district has provided to teachers this year to help them chart student's mastery of core concepts and also discussed the work the PLC groups are supposed to be doing in the schools. Principal Peck assured him that our teachers meet at least weekly in PLCs and that they do utilize data in their discussions including the benchmark matrix.

The next school community council meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 19th, at 3:30 p.m., in the school media center.