

## **Gourley Community Council Meeting Minutes**

**Thursday, October 4, 2018**

Attendance: Brandon Jones, Shellie Averett, Laurie Banks, Kelsey Wineriter-Post, Allesen Peck, Briar Mattucci, Haley Kelley, Jennifer Williams, Scarlet Mcleavy

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m. by Chairman Jones. Principal Peck requested that the first agenda item be carried over to the next meeting as the technology was not working to show the training video. Principal Peck also noted that the council needed a vice-chairman for the year. Kelsey Post made a motion to appointment Shellie Averett as the vice-chair of the committee for the year. The motion was seconded by Laurie Banks. The vote was unanimous by the committee.

Shellie Averett provided an update from the PTA board. The PTA has extended the T-shirts for an additional week per requests from parents. They held a successful Parents and Pastries activity in September and will be sponsoring Red Ribbon week at the end of October. Shellie also reported that PTA membership is quite strong this year and that they had new parents attend the PTA board meeting for October.

Principal Peck presented the council with the 2017-2018 end of year DIBELS data. She noted that the school had achieved an 11% increase in student reaching a proficient level from the beginning to end of the year. She noted that overall 54% of students in the school were considered to be proficient in reading at the end of the year based on the DIBELS assessment. Principal Peck also presented the council with beginning of the year DIBELS data for the 2018-2019 school year noting that 43% of students are currently proficient, which is a 2% decrease from the beginning of the previous year.

Principal Peck shared with the council that she had been directed to bring up the topic of 6<sup>th</sup> grade reconfiguration in the Kearns network. She explained that with the movement of the 9<sup>th</sup> grade students to the high school, moving 6<sup>th</sup> grade students into the junior highs was now being discussed. Council parents expressed concern as to whether 11 year old students have the maturity to handle the secondary setting. Council members questioned if this move was being considered because it was good for students or to fill the junior high schools and help to fund their elective classes. Sixth grade teachers present were interested in what would happen to their teaching positions if the sixth grade was moved to the junior high level. After much discussion, it was determined that Chairman Jones would make contact with Ben Horsely at the district and invite him to the November council meeting to provide information on this topic. If Mr. Horsely accepts the invitation, the next council meeting will be advertised to the community at the Halloween Parade, in the November newsletter, and with a separate flyer

sent home to parents encouraging them to attend this meeting to become informed on this issue.

Principal Peck informed the council that the final report of the 2017-2018 Land Trust Plan was due in two weeks. She told the council that she would have a draft of the report ready the following week and asked the council if they would like to reconvene to review and finalize the report or if they would like to approve the report via email. The council opted to finalize the plan via email.

Agenda items for the November council meeting will be as follows:

- 6<sup>th</sup> grade network reconfiguration
- 2017-2018 Reading Intervention Room Data

The meeting was concluded at 4:20 p.m.