

Olympus Junior High  
Community Council Meeting Notes  
March 12, 2020

**Attending Council Members:** Joshua LeRoy, Rob Brough, Susan Hollberg, Julie Jackson, Juliane Taylor, Corrine Kendall, Elise Soukup, Becky Jensen

**Non-attending Members:** Melissa Olsen, Katie Graham

Guests: none

**Approval of February Minutes:** motioned by Rob Brough, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Corrine Kendall, all in favor

**Principal's Report:** Josh LeRoy

**District information regarding Coronavirus:** We are following guidance from the District. As of today, the Wrestling Championship on Saturday is cancelled, and the school musical will be postponed for at least 30 days (silver lining: the new projector will be installed by then). We won't be closing school at this time.

**Reconfiguration update:** The PBIS team spent the day planning Day 1 of the 2020-21 school next year and how we're going to bring in the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders. They have an outline of how the first day will go regarding teaching procedures. We want consistency in the message so Josh will make sure that all the teachers are on the same page.

Hiring: history, math, FACS, PE

**Morning drop-off:** We have several parents concerned about how long it takes to drop off students in the morning. The construction has been a problem. However, we will have 80 less students next year so that should alleviate the drop off.

PBL

Next year there will only be a couple extra periods. We are not using LT funds for FTE

Keeping half-time SpEd teacher: doesn't really change class size  
31 kids in Sped (they end up in the bottom 25%) this helps them. Strong Sped program. Good for kids, good for school. We're trying to maintain the great program we have and the services for the kids. Carly Sorensen and Hendersen work well together.

Motion to approve the above: Juliane Taylor, second, Julie Jackson, all in favor yes

**School Report Cards:** This report, which can be found online at [datagateway.schools.utah.gov](http://datagateway.schools.utah.gov) under “School Report Card”, was made public on Jan.2<sup>nd</sup>.

In the category of Achievement: the average grade was up last year in ELA, Math and Science. We came in above the State average in everything except Science

Growth: ELA and Science just barely didn't make the average grade of 40%. A very positive outcome was that there was 64% growth in the bottom 25% students.

English Language Learners: this grade is based on WIDA testing (an English proficiency test). This year Mr. Totland is going to change the testing environment and preparation for this test. We currently have 15 ELL students. The English department is currently doing a mini lesson on reading comprehension. ELL students have great impact on the overall total school grade.

Mr. LeRoy stated that we should be a B school. We're now a C school, up from an F. He suggests holding the students accountable for their state test participation by have grade level specific assemblies to show the grading. We should set class goals. RISE data could be posted for students to see. They should be a partner of their learning. We can also look at what the other schools are doing well so we can help each other.

Mid-year RI (Reading Inventory) Data Update: The RI scores a student's ability to read and comprehend text. We've been doing a lot this year to improve this score. We're aiming to be in the top 3. This test is taken 3 times in the year, and can be included in grades.

Reconfiguration update: OHS has taken 8 of our teachers and 2 teachers are retiring at the end of the year. We are in the process of hiring 10 new teachers. 4 elementary school teachers (from feeder schools) applied to come over and were hired (one for each of the core subjects). We'll have to hire 6 more.

The Open House last week for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders went really well. The Jazz band performed, play practice was going on, teachers were interacting with the students, and visitors were rewarded with candy for talking to Principal 😊. It was a successful event that helped foster goodwill between teachers and parents.

#### **2019-2020 Land Trust Budget:** Josh LeRoy

Current Budget: If we don't change anything, we'll end with over \$40,000 surplus. As of 2/6, we had a balance of \$35,243.71. Right now, we are only paying 2 teachers for an extra period of instruction. Mr. LeRoy proposed that after-school tutoring come out of this year's Land Trust budget. And recommended that it be opened up to English and Science tutoring.

We voted on an amendment to the Land Trust Plan which would *open more after-school tutoring*. Katie Graham moved to vote, Elise Soukup 2<sup>nd</sup> the vote. The Council voted unanimously in favor.

Vote to move \$: Julie moves to approve the movement of \$, Becky seconds.

Josh LeRoy also proposed that we take the salaries of the 3 teachers being paid for currently by TSSA (a relatively new account created for schools by the Utah government) and move them to the Land Trust. We have more flexibility with the money in the TSSA account than we do with the Land Trust Funds.

Josh LeRoy proposed using some TSSA money to cover incidentals included with the 10 new teachers coming in next year. He would also like to take a group of teachers to a PLC conference this summer.

**Land Trust Plan 2020-2021:**

The total went up to \$106,300. With 784 registration cards in hand (as of this moment) we have a total of 841 students, which is 2 teachers short of our current FTE. Open enrollment is still going on and we're hoping to attract more students, but we will likely have less kids. The loss of Seminary students next year will also significantly impact the FTE. Josh suggests that we save all next year's money for 1 FTE in light of the reduced student number. We could possibly reduce the number of summer training days. We need to think about this for the decisions that will have to be made in March.

**2020-2021 Land Trust Discussion: Chairperson**

There will be a Town Hall meeting with the School Superintendent on March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020 7:00pm at Olympus High (Alumni Room)

Monday 4:00 Dawn H is hosting a meeting

Bring your kids, they could bring some good feedback. Dawn Houser newly in charge of PBL. She sent out a survey.

**Community Comments:**

Motion to adjourn: by Mr. Brough, seconded by Julie Jackson

Next Community Council Meeting at Thursday, **April 9<sup>th</sup>** @ 3:15 pm