

**Community Council was held at Westbrook Elementary at 8am on 3/11/2016**

**Attending:** William Wareham, Joshua Nielsen, Susan Nielson, Michael Henkes, Karen Chatterton

New reading program called "Wonders" to start at Westbrook next year.

**Item 1** Amending the budget

Last year we planned for 4 aids and budgeted \$8k and \$4 has been used to this point. The aids have been using less hours and this will leave additional funds in the budget. We still have 11 weeks of school left and some of that will be used for aids. Mrs. Chatterton brought up the idea of maybe purchasing more Chrome Books to be used in the class rooms with the overage. Each one cost approximately \$199. We would be able to purchase approximately 26 more books and thus putting more books into the hands of children. The older grades are using the books and they are being checked out regularly. We also talked about getting these into the hands of the younger grade as they are born "tech savvy" and these will be easy for them navigate. There was also discussion of any other needs that these funds could go towards.

Mrs. Chatterton will amend the budget and the council voted unanimous on the purchase of more Chrome Books.

**Item 2** Staffing for next year.

FTE is down again and we will need to cut 1 and 1/2 teachers.

Some of the reasons for the attrition is that Jordan and Oquirrh have both gone traditional and the students that were permitted in previously have gone back to their home schools. Also there are no new houses or developments being created that will affect the elementary school. Westbrook is becoming an older school.

The currently FTE is 584 students.

Adjustments will need to be made. We went over the numbers and one first grade and one second grade teacher will need to be cut and at the same time one third grade teacher will need to be added. Ms. Schmidt in Kindergarten will be back to teaching full time this year as the student population in that grade will merit her back.

The council voted unanimous in the affirmative (not pleased about it) for the reduction due to the numbers directed from the district.

Mrs. Chatterton has been going over the statistics and is trying to decide what teachers will need to be adjusted. Mrs. Chatterton is to make a decision by Wednesday.

Land Trust funds for next school year \$39k. In future meetings we will propose having 6 aids for four hours each day from Monday through Thursday.

Next Community Council meeting will be on April 22nd at 8am