

West Valley Elementary Community Council

Held: Tuesday, February 9, 2016 at 8:00am and ended at 9:00am

Location: West Valley Elementary Conference Room

Presiding Chair: Phillip Twede

Vice-Chair: Kerri Bauer

Conducting: Kerri Bauer (left at 8:45am)
Mandee Cossa (conducted the rest of the meeting)

Council Members Present:

Mindy Pratt – Parent
Kerri Bauer - Parent
Mandee Cossa - Teacher
Shauna Jensen - Principal

Council Members Absent:

Natalie Cooke -Parent
Phillip Twede - Parent

Non-member attendees:

Terry Bawden – President, Precinct V School Board Member

Agenda:

- Approved January 12, 2016 minutes
- Principal report
- Review budget
- Steve Hogan – 3100 Corridor Boundary Study
- Staffing Plan – 2016-2017

Action Items:

The committee reviewed January 12, 2016 Community Council minutes

- Mindy Pratt motioned to approve
- Kerri Bauer second the motion
- All in favor- Shauna Jensen, Kerri Bauer, and Mindy Pratt

No Action Comments:

Terry Bawden, President of the Granite School District Board, visited our community council this morning. He thanked our council members for our hard work at making the education at our school better for our children. Terry stressed the importance of a Community Council and the difference it makes when teachers and parents work together on the goals of the school. We were pleased to have him listen in on the positive and exciting changes we have been making at our school.

Shauna addressed concerns about enrollment for 2016-2017 school year with Terry. The concern is that schools around West Valley City are growing due to new development, but West Valley Elementary has no room for growth and the neighborhood is getting older. We have the capacity to enroll more students at our school and requested the school board members take a look at boundaries. Terry stated that the 31 South corridor is on the board meeting study and the process takes a year to complete.

Shauna did not have an updated budget report for us. The chromebook cart has been ordered, so Shayla and Shauna will be meeting to discuss budget updates for next meeting. Thank you to the wonderful donor that will be filling the new chromebook cart with chromebooks. We currently have the following chromebooks:

3 carts of chromebooks for 6th grade
2 carts of chromebooks for 5th grade
1 cart of chromebooks in 3rd
1 cart of chromebooks in 4th grade

The kids are really enjoying the chromebooks and have been a valuable asset to the classrooms. They allow the students to bring the world to them and make learning exciting. Some exciting ways technology has expanded classroom learning.

- Beam Museum is a live virtual museum tour. The children can take a tour of museums from across the country.
- Students also can work on PowerPoint projects individually and in groups. The chromebooks are unique in that it allows students to work on individual computers while working in the same document. They can collaborate and explore individually while putting the information together as a group within the same document.
- Because chromebooks use cloud documents, students are able to access and complete course work from their home computers. Several students have been so excited with the projects that this accessibility is proving to be very useful in expanding their desire to learn beyond class time.

We are embracing this technology and excited to see the enthusiasm and desire to further their learning outside of class.

The Junior Achievement program just started. 5th grade went to JA Biz Town for a day. It's where students are adults helping them to understand the connection between what they learn in school and how it applies to the real world.

Shauna reported that the Diebels midyear report has seen a 2% growth. In years past, the trend has been that students tend to dip this time of year and West Valley Elementary did not see the usual dip. We are very excited by the progress report. We contribute the positive report to the new programs that are being implemented and para-professionals hired using Trustlands.

2-6 Grades have begun the 6-minute solution program. It was recently discovered that the program is also available for 1st grade. Originally it was understood that first grade did not have it. Training will begin for the teachers to implement the program.

Agenda for Tuesday, March 15, 2016 at 8:00am

- Approve February 9, 2016 minutes
- Review 2016-2017 staffing
- Steve Hogan from Planning & Boundaries to visit to discuss the 3100 corridor study.
- Safe Technology and Digital Citizenship
- Principal report
- Review land trust expenditures and budget
- Progress report