

## West Valley Elementary Community Council

**Held:** Thursday, May 14, 2015 at 8:00am

**Presiding Chair:** Phillip Twede

**Conducting:** Shauna Jensen

**Council Members Present:**

Natalie Cooke - Parent  
Mindy Pratt - Parent  
Kerri Bauer - Parent  
Phillip Twede - Parent  
Mandee Cossa - Teacher  
Shauan Jensen - Principal

**Non-member attendees:**

Brian Breinholt  
Emily Baran

**Agenda:**

- Continue to work on SSAP goals
- Discuss crowd funding resources for next year to try and raise funds to purchase chromebooks for every student from 3-6 grades and ipad mini's for 1 & 2 grades. (special invite Mr. Breinholt and Emily Baran)

**Action Items:**

**No Action Comments:**

Mr. Breinholt, teacher at West Valley Elementary, came and spoke to the council about the use of technology in the classrooms. He stated to council attendees that he was working on a STEM endorsement this summer. The council was excited to have the support at our school with the intent to implement chromebooks and emulate the Neil Armstrong STEM Academy. He also informed us that he is working on grants for additional chromebooks. The goal of the council is to have a chromebook and ipad mini's for each student to use.

Emily Baran is the President of the PTA and she discussed with council attendees PTA plans. It is the goal of the PTA to support the school by raising funds that will purchase items/programs in need that will not otherwise be funded. One such program is the Junior Achievement program.

We were excited to learn that Mrs. Cossa received recognition for her use with the chromebooks by the Granite School District. It is already making a positive impact on our students learning in the short period of time they have been using them. It brings real life business into the classroom for students to understand how education is relevant to the workplace. Presentations are approximately 25-40 minutes once a week for six weeks.

Michelle Reed will be the schools new STS. It sounds like she will be a great addition to our goals with emulating Neil Armstrong and the implementation of technology. She hopes to be able to get students involved with the Lego League. Lego League is more than just building things with Lego's. It helps the

students to apply real-world math and science concepts by designing, building, testing, and programming robots built out of Lego's.

In addition to technology, the school's music teacher hopes to have the upper grades learn to use recorders and ukulele's for half the school year. The lower grades will be singing and drama for the other half of the school year. The council learned that the music teachers are hired through the district. Council members are excited about the intended plan and would like to put on record that we keep the music teacher.

A new program the school hopes to be involved in is the free breakfast program. The first 10min of the day is for all students to eat a free breakfast and then the next 6 minute will be time for reading. It is found that so many students do not eat breakfast in the mornings and makes learning challenging on an empty stomach.

Agenda for meeting on Thursday, June 11, 2015 at 8:00am

- SSAP
- Grants - templates for teachers