

West Valley Elementary Community Council

**Held:** Thursday, October 8, 2015 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

**Council Members Present:**

Natalie Cooke - Parent

Kerri Bauer - Parent

Mandee Cossa - Teacher

Shauna Jensen - Principal

Mindy Pratt - Parent/unlicensed staff

**Council Members Absent:**

Phillip Twede - Parent

**Non-member attendees:**

None

**Agenda:**

- Vote to approve 2015-2016 final SSAP
- Vote to approve changing council meetings from the second Thursday of each month to the second Tuesday of each month.
- Vote final Trustlands funding for subs to be used for instructional para-professionals
- Discuss council member positions
- What is the school doing to improve reading problem?
- Think Central (added item)

**Action Items:**

The committee reviewed and approved the final SSAP draft.

- Mandee Cossa motioned to approve
- Natalie Cooke second the motion
- All in favor - Mandee Cossa, Natalie Cooke, and Kerri Bauer

Phil Twede had asked if we could change the day of our monthly meetings from the second Thursday to the second Tuesday of each month at 8:00am. It would allow him to be able to attend more meetings.

- Kerri Bauer motioned to approve the change.
- All in favor-Mandee Cossa, Natalie Cooke, and Kerri Bauer

**No Action Comments:**

Shauna informed the committee that there was an increase of \$5,700 in the amount of Trustlands available. These additional funds will be used for professional development and district literacy coaches to train teachers. These items were already noted in our plan and will not need to complete an amendment.

DECA High School volunteers are planning to organize an after school reading program at West Valley Elementary. The school will need volunteer adult supervision during this time but the program will be a great addition to help struggling readers.

District provided 5 chromebooks for the Imagine Learning program. Our school now has a complete set for 6<sup>th</sup> grade and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade is close to completion. Mande Cossa said the Chromebooks have been a positive tool in the classroom. It is especially nice not having to try and work around the schools computer lab schedule providing her with more time to focus on important individual student achievement activities when scheduling works for the class.

It was brought to our attention that parents do not have full access to very valuable resources on Think Central to help their students at home. It was determined that some teachers may be unaware that they need to provide the access to these valuable resources and others are not providing clear instruction on how to login in.

Agenda for Tuesday, November 10, 2015 at 8:00am

- How is the school doing with progress on reading achievement plan?