



Gearld Wright Elementary Community Council Meeting Minutes

February 15, 2022, 4 p.m.

In attendance: Kristie Reather, Charlene Johnson, Marianne Johnson, Cathy Noble, Cindy Rodriguez, Justin Holt

Other: Patricia Sargent, Jessica Osman

Kristie motions to start meeting, Charlene 2nd the motion

- Approve notes from previous meeting held Tuesday, January 18, 2021
- Course and student enrollment priorities will be available in March. Updated Community Council email addresses.
- Watched video on conducting a needs assessment. The CC will help decide where our money goes. We have \$71,721 in LANDTrust funds and are hoping to use it for the hiring of more teachers to keep class sizes small. Teachers start at about \$50k, not including benefits, retirement, etc. We are also contemplating hiring a full time social worker. We have TSSA funds of \$65,000, and Esser III of \$152,530.53 which we can use for more teachers, paras and/or technology. Total is \$289,251.53 – we will continue to discuss the best investment for our school.
- Jessica Osman, current social worker, spoke to use about high suicide numbers in Utah. Our numbers have tripled for counseling needs. Research shows that having programs in place helps with the academic, mental, and emotional state of our children. She also helps with basic needs such as food, vision, and dental programs. Our Choose Kindness program has been great, and our food pantry has helped so many families. Jessica would like the opportunity of becoming a full-time social worker for our school. She comes 3 times per week and it's just not enough for everything she would like to do with helping our students.

- Watched and participated in the DCC/SCC Exercise, Message from Superintendent Nye
 - White Ribbon Week updates – kids will get packet to do at home
 - Choose Kindness snowball is getting bigger each day.
 - Will Review Safe Technology and Digital Citizenship Reports for next meeting.
 - Everyone is invited to the Cyprus Unites event April 14 at Cyprus
 - Next meeting Tuesday, March 15, 4 p.m.
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- Next DCC Meeting Tuesday, March 29, Location TBD
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- Charlene motions to end, Justin 2nds the motion at 5:27 p.m.