

School Community Council Notes December 10, 2018

In attendance: Angela Webb, Todd Dawson, Mark Whitaker, Karin Brown, Sam McCorristin, Janet Cherrington, Jennifer Klingosmith, Brooke Roden, Brook Foess, Julie Peterson, Tom Wiltbank, Jonathan Wrigley, Holly Wade.

Todd did a review of Best Practices for School Land Trust Plan 2018-19.

Jenn called the meeting to order. Holly read the minutes from last meeting and they were approved.

Jenn and Todd spent some time discussing what we spent our trustlands money on last year. Trackers and aides have helped academically and emotionally. They have been a great help! Advocates are assigned by grade level and are working hard with our students. Tom said that as a Counselor he really appreciates the advocates because they can help work with student's one on one when he can't as much. It is just more capable adults who are here to help with students. They are here 40 hrs/wk and Todd feels like we will never go wrong with more adults in the building! Brook Roden mentioned that she has felt a huge difference in support by having the advocates here.

Summer collaboration is a support for teachers to work together as departments to write tests, develop curriculum, and connect as a team. It has been a valuable experience. Brooke Roden feels it is beneficial and very critical for teams to meet in the summer for a few days. Tom has seen the benefit as that they can learn from each other and it makes their teams stronger. It is especially beneficial for new teachers to collaborate with veteran teachers.

Our ESL 29 hour aide helps with our growing population of non English speaking students. The English novel sets that trustlands paid for have been great to expand libraries in classrooms and have enough sets that the students can take the books home to read. Todd is going to follow up to see if it is really being used to send copies home and ensure it is making a difference.

As far as Teacher development, we send quite a few teachers to the CITES conference in the spring, and it also pays for the sub. It is a great Conference that the teachers love going to.

The council finished our review on the book Sold. We held a vote to see if it should continue to be part of the curriculum for 9th graders. Tom said it was a fantastic book with a relevant topic but he has a 9th grade daughter and didn't feel ready to let her read it yet. Sam felt the same way. He wondered how we would let parents know. Todd mentioned pre loading the book with parents before students start reading it. After the vote, the consensus was No, as far as having students at our grade level read it.

Mark gave us a new school update. He and Todd are in the process of deciding which school teachers will go to. It is pretty balanced and they are hoping to finalize that list before or during the break, and then notify teacher's right after the break. They are hoping to have the new staff list available January 10th. Mark is putting together a naming committee and will present the

names to the school board in March. The naming committee will be put together with a SCC and parent rep from each of the feeder elementary schools and Vista. He will also include a few school staff who are likely to go to the new school. He will send a Google doc to parents to talk to kids about ideas on names, colors and mascots. He would like it to be more of a family event.

Angela made a motion to move the meeting time to 8:30. Mark mentioned moving action items to the front of the agenda. Jenn motioned to close the meeting and Janet seconded. Next meeting will be held January 14th at 8:30a.m.