

Community Council Meeting Minutes

November 13, 2018

Attending

Michelle Pack, KayDe Hale, Angie Staheli, Brent Brindley, Andrea Schmutz, Tania Duffin, Paul Hurt, Jaime Kreyling, Yadi Call, Warren Brooks, and Conley Gali (Mr. Brooks was excused early to attend another meeting)

Housekeeping

Call to order by Brent Brindley.

The Council reviewed the Minutes of the October 9, 2018 meeting. The motion to approve the minutes was made by Angie Staheli with a second by Brent Brindley. Minutes were unanimously approved.

Business

Presentation by Principal Brooks regarding possible allocation of School Trust Land money for 2019-2020 school year. He proposed that \$80,000 be used to hire 2 first-year teachers to teach Math and English to replace a retiring teacher and alleviate class sizes. He would like to find teachers that have energy and can help the students gain a love of English and Math. These teachers would need to instill confidence and excitement for the subjects in their students. A discussion took place about class sizes and how this could possibly help with those concerns.

Men's Week and Women's Week have been done away with and appropriate activities will be used to replace these activities.

There was a question as to how the new high school being built would affect our school. Mr. Brooks expressed that our school should stay the same in the coming years. He mentioned that projected sizes of the 8th and 7th grade classes show that our school won't be changing too much in the coming years.

Jaime Kreyling presented a Computer Lab Update proposal which asks the Council to fund a portion needed to purchase 40 new computers which would update the second computer lab. To update the first computer lab, he saved budget money sufficient to purchase the 40 computers. The second lab needs updating but it will take another 5-6 years to save the money to do so. He proposed that the Media Center use \$6,489.10 of its budget and ask Community Council to fund \$19,467.30. That would cover the cost of the 40 computers the lab needs. Andrea Schmutz asked about alternatives to the desktop computers and it was explained to the Council that certain programs can't run on Chromebooks or similar computers. The lab still gets a lot of use and classes, such as welding and graphics, have certain programs which need hefty computers to run. It was expressed that, if funds are not sufficient, this request could be held for next year.

Last year funding was spent on Financial Literacy (\$5,000), Star Reading Program (\$5,000) and the Mentor Program (\$24,000). The cost for these programs is approximately \$34,000. If you add the \$80,000 requested for hiring the Math and English teachers, and the approximately \$20,000 for the computer lab, it exceeds the projected Trust Land budget. This doesn't include other programs Trust

Land money funded in previous years. Brent Brindley asked the administration to be prepared at the next meeting to give the Council an outline of what has been proposed for the 2019-2020 funding with a cost breakdown so the Council can prioritize. There are more requests for Trust Land money that we have money to fund.

Andrea Schmutz asked if teachers have been encouraged to apply for grants on their own to fund things they need in their classrooms. She mentioned some grants that are available for Math and STEM that haven't been applied for by teachers in Southern Utah. A discussion was held that this may be a good time to ask the teachers to apply for grants before bringing their requests to the Council so the requested funds won't exceed what is in the budget.

Mr. Hurt will talk to the Financial Literacy department and ask if they still have the license to make copies for next year, so that cost could be eliminated.

Concerns were expressed about what would possibly not be funded if money isn't given from Trust Land to fund everything we have funded in the past. If programs are important and money is found elsewhere, where is that money coming from and what is being eliminated? It was a concern to the Council that we understand the ramifications of allocating the funds in a different manner.

Tania Duffin asked if there had been any data accumulated about the Mentoring Program and how many students it has helped. Mr. Hurt said he would bring the data to the next meeting, so the Council could see the effectiveness of the program.

Brent Brindley asked the council to email him if they have anything they want to put on the agenda for the next meeting. He will email the agenda to the Council prior to the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned

Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 8th at 11:30 am MST