

Community Council Meeting Minutes

October 10, 2017

Attending:

Michelle Pack, Angie Staheli, Brent Brinley, Kaleen Talley, Andrea Schmutz, Tania Duffin, Paul Hurt, Jaime Kreyling, Yadi Call, Warren Brooks, Conley Gali, Joni Green

Housekeeping:

District Training available has been emailed to all Community Council Members.

Video-Utah's Education Endowment

Update contact information for all Community Council Members

Review Community Council membership terms:

- Brent Brinley and Kaleen Talley serving 2017-18 will complete their current term
- Andrea Schmutz, Angie Staheli, Tania Duffin, Yadi Call, and Michelle Pack will be joining 2017-18 to begin a 2-year term

Review letter appreciation to Utah State Senators and Representatives—editing needed

Noted that next year's first Community Council Meeting needs to be as close as possible to the beginning of October.

Voting:

Chair-Paul Hurt nominated Kaleen Talley, Andrea Schmutz seconded-Unanimous vote in the affirmative

Vice Chair-Paul Hurt nominated Michelle Pack, Tania Duffin seconded-Unanimous vote in the affirmative

Secretary-Michelle Pack nominated Tania Duffin, Andrea Schmutz seconded-Unanimous vote in the affirmative

Business:

-Intervention Specialist Joni Green met the council and presented her thoughts on how the position is working. She has worked closely with Desert Hills Intervention Specialist to be trained and given suggestions.

- Servicing & tracking 40 students through the first quarter. These students were identified from last year's 4th quarter grades—if they had a "F" in 2 or more core classes. Already a couple of students have moved off the regular tacking list having improved and doing well.
- Currently 15 mentors (school secretaries, media aids, principal, vice principals, are being used).
- Mentors check in with students at least weekly
- Bi-monthly meetings bring mentors together to plan and access what aid students need
- School counselors are appreciating the support and help the mentors are providing

-Reviewed the Digital Citizenship—District is primarily responsible for that and school administrators and the community council continue to feel comfortable the security in place.

-Final report of last year's expenditures. Projected SITLA budget for this year anticipate \$107,000

-Discussion of needs the administration sees:

- Continuing to fund Dave Ramsey curriculum, professional accompanist, flex reading, and reading aid.

- Replacing Chrome books. 10-year life on them but realistically its closer to 6 years because they get so slow and frustrating. 5 years would be ideal. Cost in replacing Chrome books will be lower because we still have the cart we can reuse.
- The number of chrome books and carts has helped tremendously. Administration does not see abuse or misuse of the equipment or the amount of equipment now available replacing teaching in the classroom. In fact, it allows teachers to use it more frequently for shorter bursts—for a specific task—and then move on to other work.
- Consider funding an assistant for the Intervention Specialist

-Community Council wants to see request from Department Heads for other needs throughout the school

-Discussion regarding the School District denying the \$1200 for incentives for the Intervention Specialist. Tania Duffin motioned, Michelle Pack seconded a request that Kaleen Talley working with Paul hurt write a letter to the district expressing our concerns that pencils and stickers are inadequate incentives for High School students. The council feels frustrated that the state approved the funding and yet the district won't allow this use of the funds.

Meeting adjourned

Next Meeting: November 14th 11:30 am

Community Council Meeting Minutes

November 14, 2017

Attending:

Michelle Pack, Angie Staheli, Brent Brinley, Kaleen Talley, Andrea Schmutz, Tania Duffin, Paul Hurt, Jaime Kreyling, Yadi Call, Warren Brooks, and Conley Gali

Housekeeping:

Motion to approve the minutes from October meeting by Michelle Pack, Angie Staheli seconded. Stand approved.

Letter appreciation to Utah State Senators and Representatives was sent.

Business:

-Regarding last month's discussion regarding the School District denying the \$1200 for incentives for the Intervention Specialist. Paul Hurt met with Laura Hesson regarding the Student Incentives budget item from last year. District was incorrect and going forward those will be approved.

-Community Council reviewed requests from Department Heads throughout the school as outlined below:

Language Arts Department:

No Red Ink individualized extension learning program \$9,000.00

Star reading tests \$5,000.00

Total: \$14,000

Discussion of concerns regarding the No Red Ink program—community council members are unfamiliar with it, there were questions regarding if teachers are using it in appropriate ways, concerns expressed with similarities to the problems ALEK math programs.

Physical Education Department:

200 Adidas Zone fitness trackers \$31,000.00

Total: \$31,000.00

Serious concerns with significant cost, questions if this is appropriate use of SITLA funds, and discussions if heart monitors or other less costly equipment could be used.

Science Department:

Cannon camera bundle \$559.95

Earthmate topography software \$559.95

Topo version of topographic software \$150.00

Gizmos software for math & science \$3,500.00

Total: \$11,261.30

Discussion that all seemed reasonable and appropriate. All community council members felt they could vote in favor.

Music Department:

Professional accompanist \$3,500

RCA cable sets \$59.02

Pioneer turntable \$119.99

Behringer mixer \$499.99

TEAC CD player \$199.95

Behringer power amp \$299.99

Sonos wireless speakers \$998.00

Total: \$5,676.94

Agreement that the current sound equipment does need to be replaced. Members felt the costs were reasonable. Community council members felt they could vote in favor of these costs.

Math Department:

TI-84 CE calculators (72 calculators) \$5,760

Calculator charging stations (6 stations) \$540

KUDA software for pre-calculus \$335

Geometers Sketchpad software for geometry (cost determined by how many computers that are licensed)

Total: \$6,635 (plus Geometers Sketchpad)

Community council members felt they could support all the calculators and charging stations. Discussion needs to be made on how many computers need Sketchpad software.

Administration needs:

- Consider funding an assistant for the Intervention Specialist—so 2 At-Risk Mentors \$24,000.00
- Student Incentives \$1,200.00
- HOPE Squad/Suicide Prevention \$1,000.00
- Continuing to fund flex reading \$3,000.00 and reading aid \$3260.00
- No funding Dave Ramsey program this year (last year paid for a pdf version.)
- 1 set of 40 Chrome Books and Charging Cart \$13,000.00
- Replacing Chrome books. 10-year life on them but realistically its closer to 6 years because they get so slow and frustrating. 5 years would be ideal. Cost in replacing Chrome books will be lower because we still have the cart we can reuse. \$280 each—use any excess money left over.

Administration very pleased with results with Intervention Specialist. Administration is pleased with the HOPE squad and they excited that there is a wide diversity of youth on the squad. Concerns were raised again regarding if parents of HOPE squad members were involved in the process as their students were trained for the HOPE squad—parents knowing how to help & support the HOPE squad members. Discussion that teachers are not loving the pdf version of the Dave Ramsey program because they have to print everything—and perhaps the cost savings doesn't exist because of printing them in-house.

-Next meeting Community Council would like to have Language Arts and HOPE Squad representative available for questions.

Meeting adjourned

Next Meeting: THURSDAY January 11th 11:30 a.m.

Community Council Meeting Minutes

February 13, 2016

Attending: Andrea Schmutz, Michelle Pack, Kaleen Talley, Tania Duffin, Angie Staheli, Brent Brindley, Yadira Call, Jaime Kreyling, Warren Brooks, Paul Hurt, and Conley Gali.

Housekeeping:

Angie Staheli motioned to approve the minutes from last meeting and Michelle Pack seconded the motion.

Discussion:

Continued discussion and analysis of the request for funds.

Assume SITLA funds will be approximately \$107,000 for our school.

Language Arts Department withdrew their request for funding No Red Ink. Further evaluation showed that the free version is providing enough of what they need.

Discussion on request for heart monitors. Ashley Howard reported an update after speaking to other schools using them. Orem JR High just got them this year. Schools in Wyoming & Washington have had them for 1-1 ½ years and have liked them. The range is good. All recommended them. For some the straps were too small for some students so they recommended a purchase of extension straps. Software updated automatically. Not compatible with Apple computers (but that's not an issue for us.) Teachers liked that it only charges on Adidas charger & that there is only one sue for the heart monitors so students weren't tempted to use it for other things. Other schools also reported that Adidas had been very responsive when there were problems. Teachers particularly liked that it was a good to use for make-up work. License activation is \$300 for the first 2 years. After that its \$300 per year per school each year.

Voted:

Voted for the purchase of 56 heart monitors for required Health and Fitness classes at a cost of \$8,500. Tania Duffin motioned and Yadi Call seconded. Ten votes in favor, one voted against.

Voted for the remaining requests as outlined:

Language Arts	\$5000.00	STAR Reading Tests
Language Arts	\$3000.00	Flex-reading
Language Arts	\$3300.00	Reading Aide
Math	\$5800.00	72 Calculators
Math	\$600.00	6 Calculator charging stations
Math	\$400.00	KUDA software for pre-calculus
Math	\$1100.00	Geometers Sketchpad software for 40 computers in lab
Performing Arts	\$3500.00	Professional accompanist
Performing Arts	\$2300.00	Audio System updates
Science	\$600.00	Earthmate topography software
Science	\$600.00	Cannon camera bundle
Science	\$150.00	Topo version of topographic software
Science	\$3500.00	Gizmos software for math & science
Science	\$6500.00	Biology supplies _____
School Technology	\$13,000.00	1 set of 40 Chrome Books and a charging cart

School-wide	\$24,000.00	2 At-risk Mentors
School-wide	\$1200.00	Student Incentives
School-wide	\$1000.00	HOPE Squad/Suicide Prevention
TOTAL:	\$75,550.00	

Any additional funds will be used to purchase individual replacement Chrome Books at approximately \$280 each in existing Chrome carts.

Brent Brindley motioned and Michelle Pack seconded. Voted unanimous to approve.

The internet safety plan has been presented and discussed in previous meetings. The community council feels that the current internet safety plan is adequate.

Council Member Terms:

Brent Brinley is eligible and available to serve another term. Kaleen Talley is not eligible next year. Andrea Schmutz, Angie Staheli, Tania Duffin, Michelle Pack, and Yadi Call have another year to go (2018-19 school year.)

Meeting adjourned—Brent Brindley motioned to dismiss the meeting

Next Meeting:

Meeting originally scheduled for March has been cancelled—all business is completed. A final email is all that is necessary.

Community Council Meeting Minutes

January 11, 2018

Attending:

Michelle Pack, Angie Staheli, Kaleen Talley, Andrea Schmutz, Tania Duffin, Paul Hurt, and Jaime Kreyling

Housekeeping:

Motion to approve the minutes from November meeting by Angie Staheli, Michelle Pack seconded. Stand approved.

Business:

Language Art Department:

Mr. Ryan Rarick representing the Language Arts Department presented and answered questions regarding the proposed request for the No Red Ink (NRI) individualized extension learning program \$9,000.00

--Red Ink focuses on fundamentals—grammar, punctuation use, spelling, etc.

--Teachers do not use Red Ink much during class time

--Teachers like the ability to meet the needs of the students--whatever ability & reading level they are at

--The program provides a pre-test, a practice assignment, and a post-test

--Teachers are currently using the free version of the program that allows access to only 30% of the program—which are the areas that the students need the least amount of help. The free version has no access to the writing portion.

--Program is designed to avoid the “lucky guess” by providing secondary tests

Community Council’s questions focused on concerns that NRI become the teacher instead of the teachers teaching and the NRI writing portion being too similar to Utah Compose.

Community Council members are leaning toward paying for a 1 year license and that allows time to see if it really will benefit students before committing additional resources.

Math Department

Mr. Steve Lang from Math department presented and answered questions regarding the proposed request for KUDA software for pre-calculus \$335. KUDA is a software used by the teachers to create customized worksheets and tests with answer keys. Teachers feel it saves time for them and they like the customization aspect so if a certain class is struggling with certain concepts it allows the flexibility to tailor the worksheets.

Geometers Sketchpad software is for the geometry units of various classes—most math classes have a geometry portion or unit during the year. Cost of Geometers Sketchpad would be determined by how many computers that are licensed (assuming we paid for it for the 40 units in the computer lab cost is \$25 per computer which would total \$1,000.) The Geometers is a one time cost—no annual fee is required. A demonstration was provided for Community Council.

Physical Education Department:

Mr. Justin Redfearn and Ms. Ashley Howard presented regarding the request for 200 Adidas Zone fitness trackers at a total cost of \$31,000.00. They recognized that the proposal for \$31,000 was a dream request. They re-submitted a request for 1 set of 28 trackers, a charging & storage case, and teacher curriculum at a cost of \$8,236.00. Fifty trackers would be ideal. Alpine School District is the first in Utah to purchase them—they just purchased them this year. The teachers feel it is important to actually monitor individual kids so you can see that each student—regardless of their

fitness level—is performing and pushing themselves. The thought is to get one set and allow one class per period to use them and see how that works for now.

--A concern was raised regarding how long the software lasts—it was noted that the cost includes a 3 year software license.

--An additional concern was how we justify this cost within the SITLA requirements but many council members felt that because Fit for Life is a required class for all students that it would fit within the SITLA requirements.

--A member noted that this year would be a good year to spend money in this area since there are more funds provided this year.

--Council members encouraged Mr. Redfearn and Ms. Howard to follow up with the Alpine School District and see what their experience has been. Also, to find out what the lifespan is on the monitors—are these only going to last 3 years? Perhaps questions need to be directed to teachers having success with them—and using them for a longer period of time in other states.

Meeting adjourned

Next Meeting: February 13th 11:30 a.m.