

# Community Council Meeting Minutes

October 9, 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

**Visitors Presenting:** Becky Dunn, School Board Member and Steve Dunham, District Public Relations regarding the school bond on the ballot. Jeremy Cox & Tony Campbell District Employees regarding Digital Safety. Joni Green & Melissa Fielding presenting on school mentoring program.

## **Housekeeping:**

Nominated Brent Brindley as Chair. Tania Duffin motion, Michelle Pack 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Nominated Yadi Call as Vice Chair. Brent Brindley motion, Angie Staheli 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Nominated Michelle Pack as Secretary. Brent Brindley motion, Angie Staheli 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Established basic meeting rules: Start on time, everyone has a fair voice, and end on time.

We would like to send a letter appreciation to Utah State Senators and Representatives from the community council for the funds provided last year for SCHS.

## **Business:**

Becky Dunn, School Board Member and Steve Dunham, District Public Relations regarding the school bond on the ballot.

- 1) Student Enrollment in our District increased by 1,000 students just during the summer months this year.
- 2) AAA Bond—Washington County School District is one of only 6 in the state to get the triple A rating.
- 2) Bond will cover a Career/Tech High School for 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades to be opened in 2022.
  - a) Expect an initial phase accepting 750 students and 750 students in the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase.
  - b) It would be located on the Southern Parkway and busing would be provided.
  - c) The Tech high school will be less costly (30 million) to build because it wouldn't require the athletic fields, auditorium, etc.
  - d) Tech high school would reduce the need of an additional high school as quickly.
- 3) Bond will cover an additional elementary school.
- 4) Bond will cover additional school security such as camera systems, upgrading phone systems, and security doors.
- 5) Specific list in mailer that outlines what SCHS would receive in upgrades including replace ceiling tiles, updating electrical panels, new flooring, change stadium light bulbs to LED bulbs, replace seats in auditorium, etc.

Joni Green & Melissa Fielding with the Mentoring Program gave an update. For many of these students school is the last priority for them. Mentors are seeing success. Plan to school reports in the next meeting to see the benefit and improvement in these students. The mentor program has been working more with the HOPE squad and planning HOPE Week and an additional activity each month.

Paul Hurt reported that last year's Community Council request for Fit Bits for the PE classes was rejected. We utilized the back up plan we voted on last spring to increase our allotment towards Chrome Books instead.

Brent Brindley requested an invitation from Department Heads for proposals to be reviewed at November's meeting.

Jeremy Cox & Tony Campbell District Employees did a presentation regarding Digital Safety.

- 1) For 5-6 years filtering worked. However, with so much being encrypted now the filtering is not as effective. The school district still goes in and approves only specific YouTube videos.
- 2) Shifting focus to a model where internet safety is 70% supervision and 30% technology (filtering, using programs, etc.)
- 3) District is currently working on a Digital Citizenship Program similar to the Digital Driver's License at LRI. This program will focus on:
  - R-Respect
  - E-Educate
  - P-Protect
- 4) Focus on teachers taking the time to teach students expectations before they use devices in school. Take advantage of teaching the full concepts in longer lessons and then brief reminder before as an assignment is being given where computers will be used.
- 5) The other new focus for the District is using the IMPERO program. Uses a screencast system where teachers can see what websites the students are currently viewing. It also takes a screenshot and sends a message to teachers when certain keywords are typed.

**Meeting adjourned**

**Next Meeting:** November 13th 11:30 a.m.

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## 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 8<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am MST**



## Community Council Meeting Minutes January 8, 2019

### **Attending**

Michelle Pack, KayDe Hale, Angie Staheli, Brent Brindley, Andrea Schmutz, Tania Duffin, Jaime Kreyling, Yadi Call, Warren Brooks, and Conley Gali, and Natalie Neva.

### **Housekeeping**

Call to order by Brent Brindley.

The Council reviewed the Minutes of the November 13, 2018 meeting. The motion to approve the minutes was made by Angie Staheli with a second by Brent Brindley. Minutes were unanimously approved.

### **Business**

The Trust Land Proposal for 2019-2010 was reviewed. There is an estimated distribution of \$130,000. The Council went over the proposed expenditures:

1. Computer Lab update - Mr. Kreyling is asking for money to replace the desktop computers in the computer lab which are 7-8 years old. The proposed allocation for this is \$20,000.
2. Part time At-Risk Mentors - Mr. Brooks is asking for funding for 2 at-risk mentors who help at-risk students meet the graduation requirements and mentor them in their education process. The proposed allocation is \$13,000 each, with a total of \$26,000.
3. Star Reader (proposed allocation of \$5,800) will be paid from another account so Mr. Brooks asked the Council to modify the Plan to redistribute that money, plus an addition of \$7,200, towards paying at Attendance Monitor. There is an Attendance Monitor in place now but funding is needed to keep the position for the next school year. This person monitors the halls, gets students back to class, follows up on attendance problems, and helps students. The proposed allocation for this is \$13,000.
4. Piano Accompanist - proposed allocation of \$3,800
5. Hope Squad - Yadi Call attended a suicide prevention meeting. All parents were invited but she commented that attendance was low and that Snow Canyon High wasn't represented. Andrea Schmutz mentioned that she had heard about the meeting but it was on a night when there were a lot of activities going on in area. The proposed allocation to help Hope Squad with various activities and suicide prevention education is \$1,000.
6. English and Math Teacher - As per the Community Council Meeting Minutes from November 13, 2018, it was proposed that money be spent to hire 2-first year teachers to replace a retiring teacher and alleviate class sizes. Concern was raised about how these teachers will be funded in the 2020-2021 school year. Mr. Brooks explained that

numbers will increasing and he will have an increased budget to hire teachers that will be funded by Trust Lands in 2019-2020. The proposed allocation is \$65,400.

The Trust Land Proposal for 2019-2020 has a final total of \$129,200. The plan for any increased allotment will be allocated to the English and Math teacher category.

After discussion was concluded on the various items, the Council felt that a vote should be taken on the Trust Land proposal for 2019-2020. A motion was made to approve the Trust Land Proposal for 2019-2020 with the modification explained in #3 above. Yadi Call made the motion and Brent Brindley seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the voting was unanimous by all Community Council members.

### **Returning Council Members**

Parent representatives: Michelle Pack, KayDe Hale, Angie Staheli, Andrea Schmutz, and Yadi Call.

### **Meeting adjourned**

**Another meeting is not needed for the 2018-2019 school year since the voting was unanimous on the Proposed Plan.**