

Midvale Elementary
School Community Council
February, 22, 2018

Present: Debbie Johnson, Margaret McCann, Michelle Bennett, Stephen Brown, Carrie Wagner, Emily Cheney, Maria Granados, Sonia Mendoza-interpreter, Chip Watts

The previous meetings minutes were posted online. Debbie asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Margaret approved and Steve seconded. The minutes were approved.

Chip discussed school safety. Canyons School District has an Incident Management Plan. This is a protocol for fire safety, shelter in place, lockdown, etc. Shelter in place is used when something happens outside of school. Everyone is called inside and teaching continues as usual. Lockdown is when something happens from within the school. "Active Shooter" is an example. In this instance, instructions are to shut and lock all doors and move to the furthest corner from the door and hide. All exterior doors are always locked and visitors must go through the security vestibule and the main office.

The school runs drills for the different scenarios, earthquake, fire drills, shelter in place, within the first month of school. Administration reviews the performances afterward. Evacuation time and building sweeps are accounted for and checked to insure a safe, efficient routine

The middle school has a resource officer stationed there. Officer Lim can be to our building almost immediately,

Water and Radon testing is completed yearly by risk management. Since we have a newer building, we don't have issues with lead.

The parking lot was discussed. A traffic study on Midvale surface streets and school roads for Midvale Middle and Midvale Elementary schools has been requested. When the results are received, we can move on from there with their recommendations.

Steve noted that the crossing guards for the middle school leave too soon for parents to cross with them after dropping their kids off. Also, the city of Midvale is actively making improvements to the crosswalks on Center Street,

Achievement Data was discussed. From last year to this year, much progress and improvement has been made. Teachers use this information from the first half of the year to plan the second half. They make changes to their teaching methods to best address any shortcomings.

The Land Trust was discussed. Currently there is a 45 minute time period in the day that the classes are divided into 4 small groups. 1 group is with the teacher, 1 group with an interventionist, 1 doing the Lexia program on the computer and 1 independent practice. Independent practice has not been as successful. It is suggested to hire another aide to replace it. That are suggested so that they interventionists attend the collaborative meetings with teachers. This would require more Land Trust expenditures on aides along with the current tech goals.

Currently grades 3-5th are at a 1;1 ratio for tech to student. Grades K-2 are currently at 1:2 Miss Aitken's class played a vocabulary game using their 1;1 tech ration. In upper grades this is being used very effectively. Debbie indicated that PowerPoint has new, interactive components so that the students can ask questions through it or give suggestions or answers.

For the next meeting, we will finalize the plan for next year. The roster will be updated and flyers sent out for general distribution. The CSIP should be looked over by members before submission.

Michelle asked what was happening with the dual program for out of boundary families next year. Chip reported that our school is at 116% capacity and this presents a number of difficulties and challenges. There will be no new families admitted to the dual program. 120 students are on permit currently. Next year is highly unlikely that dual will accept any new students. Parents that are affected should voice their opinion to the district and the school board. They can also call Amber the DLI specialist at the district.

Margaret addressed internet safety, Her daughter was photographed for a story that was featured in the Salt Lake Tribune. She remarked that although she had signed the media release allowing her photo, the paper reported the very info that students are taught not to disclose online. Her full name, school and teacher was reported under the photograph. When contacted, the photographer indicated that it was standard practice to print all that info. Margaret suggested that just because we can, doesn't mean we should. Chip agreed saying that it was a first for him and he will speak to the reporters about adjusting the level of information that is released.

Chip motioned to adjourn the meeting, The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be March 8 at 6pm..