

Midvale Elementary
School Community Council
March 16, 2017

Present: Andrea Person, Chip Watts, Jeri Rigby, Heidi Sanger, Kim Groves, Stephen Brown, Margaret McCann, Debora Johnson, Michelle Bennett, Carrie Wagner

The previous meetings minutes were reviewed. A motion was made to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded. The minutes were approved.

Jeri reported that there has been significant growth from student's baselines. Measuring student's expected growth will be a slight move from "mastery based" to 'growth based.' The DWSBA's, District Wide Standards Based Assessments, will be able to measure the growth made, not just if the student has mastered the skill. Steve asked about DIBELS. DIBELS is general outcome based assessment. There are mastery checks within the growth over time. Marie noted that the previous measurements were benchmark heavy. The focus is now on growth and is more encouraging. Steve thought it was the best of both worlds and gives a better overall picture in every grade level.

Chip reported that there will be an increase in funds distributed by the Land Trust. It should be used according to our Land Trust Plan. Funds will be distributed for PBIS incentives. With an increase in rewarding excellent behavior, comes a need for more funds for the treasure tower, Principal's 200 club, etc.

The remainder will go towards accelerating our plan to have 1 to 1 child/technology ration. Since end of year testing is done on these devices, it can help the students prepare for it. If the funding stays consistent, we can meet that 1 to 1 ration in two years.

Chip reported that he met with a representative from Success Maker. The computer program has been used in the past at the school. Now it is aligned with our current program Reading Street and other Pearson products. It will help close the reading gap. It can be adapted to in class and prerequisite skills. It moves up or down with the student to best focus on where their needs are.

Steve motioned to approve the proposed language amendment to the Land Trust plan as well as amending the budget to show current budget remaining. \$1500 will be

added to PBIS and the remainder to technological improvements in the school. Margaret seconded. It was unanimously approved.

Chip indicated that they have completed 50% of their classroom observations.

Heidi reported that 23 student who had a vision evaluation received 2 new pairs of glasses each. They will have one pair to keep at home and one for school. These were donated. After finally seeing clearly with his new glasses, one student remarked, "It's like a whole new world!"

Margaret commented on the APTT. She noted that she much preferred talking to parents and wants that personal time with the teacher. Others noted that they did not like the social aspect of visiting in the classroom. Carrie said that many people that she has talked to have reported similar feelings. However, their children are not the students most in need of this type of academic resource. Chip noted that many parents love it. Jeri agreed saying that parents are so happy to learn how to help their child themselves. Some parents are even learning right along with their child. Michelle agreed that it is a different focus. There is a higher purpose and it is bridging the gap between the parents and student with school.

Margaret indicated that the parking lot has been better since having admin and teachers outside. One district employee continues to come in the entrance. Chip will speak with him directly.

Steve reported the entrance to the south will be improved for next year. This is thanks to the land donation of an owner on Wasatch Street.

There is a Title I Parent Advisory Committee meeting on April 17 at 1:30pm. Carrie, Andrea and Chip will attend at the district offices.

Our last meeting of the school year will be May 11. Pie has been requested.

Margaret motioned to adjourn the meeting and Michelle seconded. The meeting was adjourned.