

Midvale Elementary
School Community Council Minutes
September 15, 2016

Present: Andrea Person, Margaret McCann, Debbie Johnson, Christie Leon, Michelle Bennett, Jeri Rigby, Lenka Cibulova-Bacz, Emily Cheney, Heidi Sanger, Steve Brown, Kim Grove, Marie Benson, Melanie Kelsey, Chip Watts, Carrie Wagner,

The previous minutes were reviewed. Andrea asked for a motion to accept the minutes. Chip motioned to accept the minutes and Steve seconded. The minutes were accepted.

The group made introductions.

Chip reviewed the Rules of Order.

Steve asked if we should expand the sitting members on the board from ten to twenty members. Jeri motioned to expand the board and Debbie seconded. A unanimous group vote followed. The sitting members were made twenty members.

The bylaws were presented. Chip will fix the bylaws link from the website. Steve motioned to approve the bylaws as amended. Debbie seconded. A unanimous group vote followed. The bylaws were approved as amended.

Chip gave the school report. 15% of last year's budget was carried over. No more than 10% is supposed to be carried over. With last year's money carried over and this year's budget, it now sits at over \$60,000. The school has hired two interventionists that will serve as floating subs when needed.

Over the summer, the state gave \$40,000 for priority schools. This was not understood until this summer. That money needed to be used before the start of the next school year. The money was used according to plan. The 4 year goal was to have a 1 to 1 ration of technology in the upper grades. Now each classroom has its own tech cart in grades 3, 4, and 5; completing the goal well ahead of schedule. The next goal is to have iPad carts for each K, 1, and 2 grades. This is according to the plan using the Land Trust money.

The Land Trust money has been steadily increasing year to year thanks to excellent efficiency and reinvestment. Next year should be around \$52,000.

Heidi, the School Community Facilitator, reported on the Watch D.O.G.S program. On Tuesday, 9/20 at 6pm will be the presentation at the school. It will only be an hour. They are hoping for support from student's fathers. They can come for lunch or recess and provide a positive male role model. A schedule will be available for the dads to sign up.

Vanessa, the ed tech will take over the school website. Links to the faculty emails were updated and are on the website. The teachers can be emailed directly with any questions or problems. The SafeUT link was also added.

Heidi reported on the parent engagement plans. Teachers will contact the families of their students to schedule a home visit. This will help establish positive relationships. Teachers can learn more about their students and how to better instruct them. Parents can feel more comfortable communicating with the teacher about their student's education. Emily asked if the dual language teachers will come and if they will only speak in Spanish. Chip said they would speak only in Spanish to maintain consistency. Marie Benson made home visits and felt it really helped the understanding that education is not delineated between home and school. It is one cohesive unit. After a positive response from the board, Chip will let the teachers know that parents are ready and looking forward to visits.

Heidi reported that Parent Teacher Conferences at the school are now APTT-Academic Parent Teacher Teams. They will not be held at the previously scheduled date of Sep 28 and 29. APTT aims to create an educational partnership, and interactions for parents to get to know each other. Parents will receive tools specific to their child and set goals for them. Heidi has a graph showing students spend 55% of their awake time at home and a very small part of their awake time at the school. Heidi will email the graph to the SCC. During the APTT, students will not be present. There will be activities by Playworks and PTA for the children during APTT meetings. The meetings will be held October 4 kinder, 2nd and 4th grades. October 5 will be for 1st, 3rd and 5th grades. Each day, there will be two meeting times; 4-5:15pm and 6-7:15pm.

Emily asked if there was an individual component to the APTT minutes. Heidi indicated there will be a chart that they can find their student by number to see how their child specifically is doing academically. Jeri mentioned this will also be good because they can see how their child compares to the benchmark and not just how they compare to other students. The 2017 APTT dates will be held Jan 31/Feb 1 and April 11 and 12.

The SAGE results were reviewed. According to the Growth Point Calculation, a score that shows how our students compare to like-scoring students across the state, the achievement points went up but the growth points went down. The goal is to close the achievement gap. The school has received a D grade. The state increased the cutoff for levels by 5% this year. This caused many schools to drop a grade. Our score stayed in the same category. The school and students improved over 7/8 categories. The two year plan is working. Grades 3-5 Sage scores are available on Skyward.

As a priority school, a 90day plan for the first 90 days was created with the University of Utah. They interviewed and observed every aspect of our school. They made a very thorough assessment of the academic state of Midvale Elementary. Faculty then identified 3 categories they would like to see improvement. These categories are student behavior, purposeful planning and increased communication and organization by teachers.

Student Behavior can be measured in number of office referrals. These have dropped by 80%. Emphasis is placed on empathy and understanding. Teachers have a standardized strategy for helping resolve issues before an office referral becomes necessary. Andrea reported that as a substitute teacher, she sees that the administration has stepped up to provide support. Melanie reported that teachers and administration are one cohesive unit and really feels that the administration has their back.

Purposeful Planning includes collaborative plans by teacher units. They have tried it and it has familiarized teachers with the standard and curriculum maps from canyons district. Teaching and learning is improving.

Communication goal is to increase the level of administrative organization. This includes a lot of communication between BLT and also collaborative meetings. The meetings are now held on Friday afternoon so that all administration can attend the IPLC meetings. At the teacher vote, they report that this particular goal has been met. Score!

School priority areas saw a need for an additional achievement coach. It was asked for and received. The achievement coach's goals are to go through all classes by October. The goals/objectives for the next few months are as follows:

August-3 days at the University of Utah before their normal school time started. The meeting formed a shared investment in our focus for the year.

September- IPLC, grade level teacher meetings, teachers will be invested in the IPLC process and have an areas of focus for the year.

October- All teachers will experience a coaching cycle. They will have a pre-meeting, be observed and then a post-meeting.

PBIS/Community Engagement- In August, a CHAMPS behavior kickoff was held. All teachers and administration use the CHAMPS model for behavior. This has helped in participation and seen success. There is whole group instruction; they review expectations before the activity. Melanie reported that this has been fluid through all classes. During August/September, there will be grade level meetings for the PBIS Matrix. A PBIS specialist has been hired. September will have home visits and APPT. October will have the first APPTT and the UEPC speaker session. Faculty will go to the University of Utah and hear different guest speakers. They can interface with national level educational experts when they break into groups.

Last year the BLT went to San Diego for NCUSP. They visited a high performing school with a similar demographic to our school. They came back inspired and fired up to teach. #Epic #Noexcuses

The CSD Bell Efficiency study for 2016 was made. Data was gathered by edulog. By changing the bell schedules for some schools, bus routes were streamlined. This increases the routes for bus drivers, creating a longer shift. This will encourage more bus drivers to be hired and stay on as it is a more regular shift. Jeri noted this would be a better job, with benefits and the schools save \$ and have consistent drivers. The routes will be changed no more than 30 minutes earlier or later depending on the schedule chosen. There are two options. Both plans have Midvale Elementary starting just 10 minutes later. Please email chip preferences and he will send this to Bob Dowdle.

Debbie is on the Canyons Calendaring Committee. There have been changes to breaks and midterms to more closely align the breaks and midterms between the high school, middle schools and elementary schools. This will only really matter to you if you have students in more than one school.

One change will be during the winter break. Normally there is a two week break. The change will make it so there is less than two weeks for the break. The calendaring committee would like feedback on this issue. Please review the calendar and then respond to Debbie with your comments and concerns. 180 full school days are required. If days are moved from somewhere, they will need to be added elsewhere.

Future SCC meetings were scheduled. They will normally be held the second Thursday of the month at 6pm, with a couple of exceptions*. Meetings will be held in the library.

October 13

November 10

January 5* -first Thursday

February 9

March 9

April 20*-third Thursday

May 11

Canyons School District SCC Fall Training Dates were released. There are 3 dates available at a choice of times. SCC members will please attend one of these trainings. They will be held in the Professional Development Center at the CSSC building (9361 s 300 e).

Tuesday 9/29 9:30-11am OR 6-7:30pm

Thursday 10/1 6-7:30pm

Wednesday 10/7 9:30-11am OR 6-7:30pm

Steve motioned to conclude the meeting and Carrie seconded. The vote was unanimous. The meeting ended.

The next SCC meeting will be held October 13 at 6pm in the school library.