

Midvale Elementary School  
School Community Council minutes  
Thursday October 11, 2018

Present: Heidi Sanger-Community School Facilitator, Mont Millerberg-Canyons Board of Education, Debbie Johnson-parent and SCC chair, Chip Watts-School Principal, Hayde Franco, Carrie Wagner, Margaret McCann-parents, Nella-translator,

Debbie welcomed all to the meeting. Hayde was welcomed to the meeting as the SCC's newest member. The board reviewed the membership roster for accuracy.

The SAGE school grading and PACE report card were reviewed. Chip discussed this in depth. Our school continues to be in Turn Around status. We have not met the school turn around criteria. The consequences for this can be: restructuring of school leadership, forced turnover of at least half of the staff, the state can assume control of the school and make into a charter school, or they could close the school.

Seeing that we would not meet the standard, changes and efforts were made to find out why students aren't being successful, find the holes in their learning, provide behavioral supports, enhance school culture and community and invest in talent development of teachers. Many changes have been made, including in regards to changing more than half of the teachers, changing to the two teacher model, implementation of phonetic systems Saxon Phonics and Rewards for English and daily use of Imagine Learning for math.

Heidi noted that Savage industries will be sending volunteers three days a week, with two volunteers in the morning and two in the afternoon. This help in fluency will increase reading comprehension. The focus will be on the middle to low readers.

Chip indicated that math usually does better. He has seen several Number Talks where the students can solve math problems peer to peer. They also come up with multiple ways to solve the same problem.

The success of the Behavior Team has freed up administration to visit classes, keep up on needed paperwork and not just focus on behavioral issues. New teacher are being mentored by more experienced teachers. Each group has an Achievement Coach for help with academic strategies and content planning and a department lead that can help in establishing day to day routines. The two teacher instruction has led to much collaboration and content planning. Team teachers have time to discuss the students, the routines and support each other. The entire grade team meets to discuss data and Tier 2 instruction.

Mr. Millerberg asked for clarity about the tiers. Chip explained that Tier 1 is where when first taught a concept, 80% of students understand it. Tier 2 (12-15%) is where students need a bit

more explanation and time to understand the concept. Tier 3 (3-5%) is where these students still require additional support to understand the concept.

Hayde suggested getting a community of parent volunteers to help with the educational goals. She knows many parents would like to help but don't know how to get involved. She said they would like to be invited to help. Carrie said the school often needs volunteers and PTA sometimes provides this but that they can only ask people who have given their information to the PTA. A larger parent network would be very useful. Hayde and Heidi will meet to discuss starting this up.

The cell phone tower funds were quickly discussed. The fund started at \$3200. Some money was spent on materials. Chip asked that the remainder be used for teacher recognition, token gifts, meals, treats, etc. The board agreed to continue using the cell tower funds in this way.

The Land Trust budget was discussed. All 90,000 will be spent on interventionists. They can work with individuals and small groups to give them the additional instruction students may need.

The videos that were planned for today will be viewed at a later date.

No SRI/SMI data was reviewed. The reports are not yet available.

Our SCC information to the public is 95% compliant. This is a huge improvement.

The Canyon's District SCC training has one more night to attend October 11 at 6 pm. An additional training opportunity will be held at the Jordan District Auxillary building at 7905 s Redwood Road in West Jordan on October 25, 6-8pm. All board member are encouraged to attend.

The meeting was adjourned.

Our next SCC meeting will be held November 8 at 6 pm in the school library. All are welcome to attend.