

Midvale Elementary School  
School Community Council  
October 13, 2016

Present: Andrea Person, Chip Watts, Jeri Rigby, Melanie Kelsey, Margaret McCann, Michelle Bennett, Marie Benson, Heidi Sanger, Carrie Wagner

The September minutes were reviewed. Margaret motioned to approve the minutes. Michelle seconded. The minutes were accepted.

The 2017-2018 Calendar was discussed. Debbie sent it to the board for approval. They received an email from Lenka. Good job! Andrea mentioned that at the Superintendent's Luncheon, Mr. Briscoe was asked about recent studies suggesting teenagers should wake up later because they need more sleep. His answer was that they would be getting jobs in the near future that will require them to wake at a specific time. He said school also teaches 'soft skills' that will benefit the students the rest of their lives.

The APTT meetings were reviewed. Negatives and positive points were mentioned. Positives: bonding with teachers and other parents, seeing where our specific children are compared to each other and to the baselines, learning how to help our own children improve with the time we have at home with them, getting physical games to play with the kids. Negatives: too long, slightly awkward, unable to speak with the teacher specifically, did not address discipline or behavioral issues and only focused on the math scores. Many of the negatives can be remedied by emailing or visiting with the teacher after school. Parents who have had home visits say that is the perfect time to discuss that. They had positive things to say about home visits. Math was discussed at this APTT since it is the most accessible for all. Language Arts will be discussed at a future APTT.

Lenka asked about the parent goals that were made at the APTT meeting and how those would be followed up on. A phone call, skylert or FB post would be helpful to keep it fresh in the mind, Chip thought it would be best for the teachers to follow up with parents.

The Land Trust report was discussed. The Land Trust plan was put in place before this current administration was at the school. The previous plan only allowed for the school to hire aids and go on fieldtrips. Aides were specifically hard to hire. Because Midvale Elementary is a Title I school, we were not charged for several field trips and this left an overage that could not be used for anything else. The school carried over 18% of the year's money and should only carry over a maximum of 10%. The current plan has been written to allow for a bit more wiggle room.

The CSIP Goal was to have the students reach a goal of 60% proficiency in math. 47% did not reach the goal but this has improved by 3 percentage points. More time and energy will be given to math. Gains in Language Arts are much bigger. The school improved by 11 percentage points. Our school is officially off the list of the lowest 5% of Title I schools for 2017-2018. A small celebration was held during a faculty meeting. Way to go! The school employs the

services of the University Education Policy Center UEPC, out of the University of Utah. We have been following their research gained from an exhaustive review of our school and it is working.

Heidi gave an update on the Watch D.O.G.S program. It has been a wonderful experience. We have already had 5 DOGS come to the school. The students love it. The DOGS (Dad's of Great Students) have helped in class, at recess, in the lunchroom and wherever is needed. The DOGS have said it has been good to see the school environment and make a difference, To sign up, go to the school page online and schedule it on the website calendar.

Cell Tower money was discussed. Many school have cell towers on the school property, The cell providers pay the district to lease the space from the school. The district divides that up among all schools. This money comes to about \$4000 and is not held under the strict protocols of Land Trust money. It can be used at the discretion of the schools. A short discussion was held. It was decided that teacher be recognized and applauded for the work they do. Flowers, birthday cards, breakfasts, treat and other recognitions were discussed. Chip would like to buy lunch or breakfasts when the teachers do their deep data dives and academic mapping. The money can also be spent on artwork for the school. This would hopefully warm it up and make it feel less institutional. Chip asked for a motion to approve this cell tower money plan. Melanie made a motion to approve. Margaret seconded. A vote of the board was taken. All were in favor and nobody opposed.

There are several businesses that could partner with this Cell tower money to make it go even further. Chickfila, Joe Morley's, Winco were all mentioned as having donated goods in the past.

Margaret made a motion to end the meeting. Melanie seconded. The meeting was adjourned. Our next meeting will be held November 10 at 6:00 pm.