

Midvale Elementary School
School Community Council
Thursday, November 8, 2018
5pm, Library

Present: Chip Watts, Heidi Sanger, Emily Johnson, Juliet Meinzer, Mont Millerberg, Margaret McCann, Debbie Johnson, Steve Brown, Carrie Wagner

The previous meeting's minutes were reviewed. Debbie noted that the time for the meeting should be 5:00 pm and not the listed 6:00 pm. Debbie asked for a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Margaret motioned to approve and Chip seconded. All were in favor.

The committee watched the video "Using the Trust." It explained how trusts were put in place many years ago and that Utah still has their trusts after half were sold off within the first 10 years of being set up. The group expressed appreciation for the forward thinking planners that allow us to enjoy the results of their stewardship to this day.

Emily Johnson, the school Digital Citizenship Coordinator and a second grade teacher explained the Midvale Digital Citizenship plan for 2018-2019. Her aim is to teach how to use tech appropriately and safely and how to be a good citizen online. Her responsibilities and expectations are to facilitate 2 Digital Citizenship learning experiences for the school's patrons. There was a Digital Citizenship week held in October. This included daily announcements, bulletin board and email contest. For the second event, information was placed in the Parent Newsletter sent out in October. There will be information given out at the 2nd Parent Teacher Conference. Information will also be presented once at a faculty meeting before February 2, 2019.

Emily has been working with Vanessa Cicero, the technology coach, to provide adequate instruction for each teacher and student during this school year. The website commonsensemedia.org is a good place for families to learn about media before they see it. A NetSmarts assembly could be scheduled in the Spring but it is not currently scheduled. Mr. O goes over this information every week during the technology booster so more time can be used for classroom instruction. For more information contact Emily.Johnson@canyonsdistrict.org.

SRI/SMI data was reviewed. Chip shared the Restructuring Update for the School Board. The first prong was to Improve Teaching and Learning. Amazing leaps were made in both ELA and Math. Students were showing well above typical. They are on track for benchmark by the end of the year. The concerted efforts of all involved are paying off. The next goal is to maintain that growth. Teachers have worked so hard and they should feel great about these results. The Pace report card takes into account both growth and benchmark.

Secondly, was to Increase Social and Emotional supports. Ms. Meinzer and Mr. Nacho are a vital part of this plan. With so many supports set up, things are feeling very positive in the school and students are receiving the attention and help that they need. Information from Mr. Lennox

indicates that tardies are down by 9000 instances. This is mostly attributed to breakfast before school and not in the classroom as done last year. Behaviorally, there are only about 40 students that are frequently referred to the office; 37 of these are receiving extra behavioral supports.

Lastly, Relationship, Building Capacity for involvement and Academics was discussed. This was formerly known as Parent Involvement. Heidi outlined the Parent and Family Engagement Policy. It was thorough and well done. It was suggested to simplify it. If there is any feedback from the committee, please let Heidi know by next week.

Debbie asked what was being done for students that do not need the phonics instruction. Phonics instruction is done with the whole group but they are grouped by ability so everyone is getting instruction at their level.

Margaret indicated that the parking lot struggles are much improved. Chip indicated that the Pre-K students are being picked up on the other side of the school. That and the extra support teachers and Chip provide have made all the difference. Thanks!

If there are any SCC related needs, please email the committee. The next meeting will be held January 10, 2019 at 5pm in the library.