Mountain View Elementary School Community Council Meeting

Minutes

April 24, 2013

5:30 p.m.

Mountain View Elementary School Library

In Attendance: Conducting- Kyle Roche, Chair, Parent-Member

Don Beatty, Principal

Tiffany Tuck, Administrative Intern/Teacher-Member

Lucinda Buel, Parent-Member Shana Lauritzen, Teacher- Member

Jay Yahne, Parent -Member

Stephanie Kinsey, Parent-Member Cathy Siler, Teacher-Member Nicole Roche, Parent-Member Stephanie Kinsey, Parent-Member Paul Adams, Parent Member

Carolyn Lasafer, Visitor

Absent:

Tobin Hagen, PTA President, Parent-Member

Thomas Walsman, Parent-Member Taylor Reese, Parent–Member

1. Welcome

Chair Kyle Roche opened the meeting at 5:45 p.m. Chair Roche moved that the minutes from March 20 2013 be approved. The minutes were approved without objection.

2. Recess Before Lunch

Principal Beatty informed the Community Council of the history of Recess before Lunch at Mountain View Elementary. Two and a half years ago, Principal Beatty began the Recess before Lunch program at Mountain View. Prior to this lunch had occurred before recess time. Principal Beatty provided information and research that indicates that students eat a better lunch and are better prepared for the remainder of the school day when lunch follows recess. Recently Principal Beatty sent out a survey to parents asking for their opinions. Recess before Lunch does require extra funding for extra personnel in the lunch room. The Council asked Principal Beatty questions about the procedures and the time spent at lunch and recess. The survey came back in support of keeping Recess before Lunch; the majority of parents who took the survey supported keeping it. The council voted to recommend keeping Recess before Lunch.

3. Attendance Initiative

At the March 20, 2013 meeting concerns about attendance at Mountain View were addressed. Principal Beatty, Administrative Intern Tuck, and Chair Roche, attended a

district wide meeting on April 22, 2013. At the meeting attendance was discussed. It was determined that Mountain View Elementary attendance is above the district average. While there are contacts being made to families where attendance is an issue, no additional action at the school or community level was suggested at present.

4. 2013-2014 Elections/Possible Bylaw Amendment.

The Council discussed whether or not elections should be moved from fall to spring. Previously it was mandated by the 2012 Legislature that the timeline for elections be within the first thirty days of school. The Community Council Bylaws were amended to include these changes in the Fall of 2012. The 2013 Legislature removed these restrictions. It was discussed whether or not to change elections or not. The council unanimously decided to leave the elections as is written in the bylaws. It was also determined that the council would keep the same election time frame it had for the 2012-2013 school year, consistent with statute.

Other changes made by the 2013 Legislature were discussed. These included dissolving term limits. Additionally an election is only necessary if there are more candidates than openings.

There was discussion of what should be done with Community Council Parent-Members who do not attend the meetings regularly. It was decided that the issue would be discussed and bylaws would be reviewed at the first meeting of the 2013-2014 school year.

5. Trust Lands Plan

Principal Beatty provided a verbal outline of the goals for the Trust Lands Plan. It was also discussed that there may be a possibility of up to 5% more money available this year. The money is disbursed based on academic goals and needs. Nothing outside of the goals maybe budgeted. The goals for the Trust Lands Plan include a Fine Arts goal, which would pay a stipend to Mrs. Holmes the music teacher. There is also a reading goal and a math goal. These goals will be consistent with the needs determined by CERT results. There seems to be a positive trend in student scores, science was above district level.

It was proposed that the Trust Lands Plan remain the same for the 2013-2014 school year. Items that would be funded include library books, the AR program, IXL math program, teacher's assistance for math and reading, math and reading related software, Dibels booklets. The district will cover the ISQ survey. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Known Items/Issues for Next Meeting

The next meeting shall be set following the fall elections in September.

Mr. Beatty expressed is thanks to the Community Council for a wonderful year. The Parent-Members expressed their gratitude to the faculty and staff concerning the events of April 22, 2013 which resulted in the evacuation of the school. Chair Roche adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m.