

Wasatch School Community Council Meeting Minutes
(Approved 10-12-17)

**Thursday, September 21, 2017, 3:15 p.m. –
School Library**

“...what is in the best interest of the students...”

1. Welcome – Introductions

a. Six new members welcomed - council size now increased to 12 parents, which will affect rules and procedures (to be amended/voted on during this meeting). Those in attendance included: Tracie Sexton, Caryl Fletcher (new member), Amy Perry (new member), Rosemary Emery, Katherine Duncan (new member), Julia Lyon, Betsy Kleba (new member), Jennifer Hughes, Meghan Looper (PTA), Heather Armstrong (new member), Elissa Wiscomb (new SIC Chair), Chris Fuller, Brandon Bennett (new member), Deborah Candler and Molly Hames. Excused from this meeting: Jim Levy, Lynn Rosen, Heather Cameron-Bevan

2. Announcements: None

3. School Reports

a. PTA Report – Meghan Looper in place of Christine Lipson

RallyMe starts Friday, Sept 22 and runs until Oct. 13 -- assembly held Sept 22 and info packet sent home.

Grades to compete against each other for highest contribution and to win all-school dance party.

Next PTA meeting is Friday, Oct 6 in library at 11:00 AM.

Art Cards coming end of October.

Halloween Carnival is Friday, Oct. 27 at 5:30 -- no masks at event and no costumes at school during school day.

Musicians scheduled to play music during lunch that day -- two brown bag lunches scheduled for October.

Book fair Oct. 30 to Nov. 3.

b. School Improvement Committee Chair Report – Elissa Wiscomb

Planning for back-to-school night for next year -- plan is to have back-to-school night with students and meet teachers before first day of

school(tentative date August 16th). Many families wanted to meet

teachers prior to school starting, so this will give students an opportunity to connect and reduce anxiety. Time will still be available for parents to meet teachers without students during event.

Professional developments coming up.

Standup desks coming for students -- two per classroom.

4. Agenda

- a. May minutes unanimously approved
- b. Council elections and appointments (chair, vice-chair, secretary)
 - i. Elissa Wiscomb nominates Tracie Sexton to be chair, Jennifer Hughes seconds -- unanimously approved
 - ii. Tracie Sexton nominates Betsy Kleba to be vice chair, Caryl Fletcher seconds -- unanimously approved
 - iii. Tracie Sexton nominates Julia Lyon as secretary, Elissa Wiscomb seconds -- unanimously approved
- c. Review and adoption of Council operating procedures
 - i. Shared governance training: District will provide individual school training regarding shared governance. This will occur over the next 2 years to all SCC's and will be scheduled at the district level via the Network Director. Wasatch's Network Director to contact to schedule training. To find out more, chair recommends district website and Utah School LAND Trust website. Principal Candler explains shared governance means parents have a large voice in how decisions are made, particularly in Salt Lake School District. Fall 2017 School Community Council training available to parents. Flyer provided with closest trainings in November (either Park City or Farmington)
 - ii. Wasatch SCC election cycle will remain in the fall. This was approved in May, 2017 and will remain for the next 4 years.
 - iii. SCC 2017-18 meeting days and times – discussion and vote
Plan is to have monthly morning meeting after morning dropoff during breakfast -- to try to reach out to parents who may not have availability to come after school and reach diverse populations who cannot attend regular SCC meetings.
 - iv. Number of council members has been expanded to 12
 - v. Rules of order and procedure. Motion to approve by Tracie Sexton. Amy Perry seconded motion -- unanimously approved
 - vi. Discussion of accessibility of meetings. Kleba raised question of should the meeting time be changed to accommodate other families -- Candler says parents attend in larger numbers here than at other schools -- faculty may

have some challenges in returning at night for meetings. Kleba requests that further discussion continue regarding SCC meeting times and possible change to current time.

- vii. Posting of agendas and minutes -- discussion of where information is publicly available. SCC 2017-18 meetings and times: Caryl Fletcher approved, Katherine Duncan seconded -- unanimously approved SCC calendar. Sept. 21, Oct. 12, Nov. 16, Dec. 14, 2017

Jan. 18, Feb. 15, March 15, April 19, May 17, 2018

- ix. School Community Council Training: 1. Optional School Community Council Learning community Meetings (August 8, September 5). 2. SCC Chair Meeting (September 12) District goal is to improve diversity and inclusion within SCC's. Will continue to address ways to improve diversity in our SCC and how to engage all parents at Wasatch

d. School Items

- i. SAFE Neighborhoods Program: Presentation Sept. 28, 2017 at 6:30 PM -- Bryant Middle School, Ensign Elementary and Bennion Elementary staff and parents have been invited

ii. Emergency Backpacks

Cub Scouts will help inventory and stuff backpacks with new items Sept. 26, Tuesday at 4:30 -- volunteers are needed

- iii. Upcoming Events -Picture Day, October 3; Fundraiser kickoff Sept. 22; No school Sept. 29 and early dismissal on Sept. 28: Next PTA Oct. 6 at 11 a.m.; Hearing Tests Oct. 10; next SCC Oct. 12

e. District Items: None

5. Principal report – Deborah Candler

- i. Reviewed school budget and spending:

Every grade level first through six has a class set of laptops per grade level in addition to computer lab and library -- Lexia and ST Math can be done.

Because of carryover, school now has \$31,000 in discretionary money
Last year from School Land Trust they had a carryover --

every year LAND Trust money is used to fund technology paraprofessional, part of a kindergarten paraprofessional, and now interventionist specialist. Did not set aside money for extra science funding but teachers would like to look at that for next year.

Emphasis last year on professional development was on writing - and looked at status of student writing.

On Oct. 23, doing full-day writing training for teachers funded by PTA and principal discretionary money.

Science writing professional development will take place later this year.

40 point difference between where non low income and low income students are performing.

Sept. 29 teacher work day will include afternoon professional development about bias and how that can impacting teaching.

Principal is working to reach out to rehabilitation programs serving some families

Curriculum coaches will assist teachers on new common core.

Intervention specialist focused on reading and math primarily for third to sixth grade.

School population is 455 -- though budget was based on 440 average daily membership.

School grades come out Friday, Sept. 21 -- principal points out that school grades are not always an accurate reflection of school achievement.

ii. Review approved plans- 2017-18 LAND Trust and SIP /adjust based on data

6. Review Action Items

- a. Publish Meeting Schedule and Members list
- b. Update website
- c. Schedule/Attend Shared Governance training when scheduled (SCC and faculty) -- tabled until more information from district

Next meeting: OCT. 12 at 3:15 PM in the Library

- Submit School LAND Trust Committee membership electronically on e-SIP
- School LAND Trust fall requirements: **DUE** October 20, 2016
- Technology/Digital Citizenship Requirement: complete council responsibilities
- Review and update School Emergency Plan
- Attend Fall Statewide School Community Council Training (See flyer for dates/places)

Meeting adjourned 4:50 p.m.