



## School Community Council Meeting Minutes (Approved 2-8-18)

**Thursday, January 18th, 3:15 p.m. – School Library**

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

1. Welcome – Introductions — Tracie Sexton, Heather Cameron-Bevan, Caryl Fletcher, Deborah Candler, Heather B. Armstrong, Chris Fuller, Amy Remy, Elissa Wiscomb, Lynn Rosen, Julia Lyon, Desiree Buck, Jennifer Hughes, Rosemary Emery, Katherine Kennedy, Brandon Bennett. Betsy Kleba absent.
2. Announcements
3. School Reports
  - a. PTA Report – Meghan Looper — unable to attend — Sexton relayed notes from January meeting: Book fair will be Feb. 20 to 23rd, which overlaps with parent teacher conferences. Volunteers will be needed for book fair and food for teachers. A representative from Playworks attended the January PTA meeting. Playworks is an intervention system at recess, to restructure what a lot of playground games are. Teachers are interested in participating. Each team would provide information on challenges. \$16,500 needed from PTA for the first year. After that, we would assess where we are and what level of collaboration we would choose to do with them the following year, with up to 3 years of support from them to totally transform our recess. Ideally, Principal Candler would like to see us be able to use the \$3500 level of support for subsequent years, but this is still uncertain. Fundraising, grants, sponsorships might be used to pay for it.
  - b. SIC Chair Report – Elissa Wiscomb — Upcoming science fair will have all classrooms participating. Jan. 25. Parents can attend 10:30 a.m. to noon. Air Quality policy on district website. Candler reports that school does not go outside when Air Quality is at orange level. A parent raised question of whether parents could be reminded not to idle on bad air days. Wiscomb said SIC could discuss potential ways to curb problem. Eureka Math has a \$20,000 annual cost to pay for consumables. Candler points out this is a district-wide problem. Katherine Kennedy said board discussed the issue and they were told schools had the money. Wiscomb brought up need for students to be well rested for SAGE testing but not overly stressed.
4. Agenda
  - a. Approve December minutes (vote) — Chris Fuller approved minutes and Caryl Fletcher seconded. Unanimously approved. No further discussion
  - b. School Items
    - i. Bryant Middle School Update — “Screenagers” Jan. 18; middle school open house Jan. 26 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. — event expected to be different than in prior years. Valerie Stormont, who is running Girls on the Run program here at Wasatch, may collaborate with Girls on the Run program at Bryant.

- ii. Parent Engagement Breakfast: Next meeting is February 8.
- iii. SAFE Neighborhoods Program- CERT Training/96 Hour Kits (Update) — Tuesday, Jan. 23 to meet in library to review kit in school. Feb. 7 at Bryant meeting to introduce neighborhood SAFE Neighborhood Program. Will be repeat of program held at Bryant. Desiree Buck attended Avenues Community Council meeting and received some broader community interest. A sample kit from John Flint will be reviewed at Wasatch meeting. Next step may be planning for 96-hour meeting.
- iv. Review upcoming events — Nonstudent day on Friday, Jan. 26 due to professional development. Jan 30 kindergarten tour. Jan. 25 Science Fair. Next PTA Feb. 2 at 11 a.m. Upcoming SCC meeting in February will be changed to Feb. 8.

c. District Items

- i. Discuss Overnight/Extended Trips Or Activities for 2018-19 (N/A)
- ii. Discuss Boundary considerations if any. No discussion or concerns.
- iii. Optional SCC Learning Community Meeting: January 9<sup>th</sup>, 3:30 PM (cancelled), Rm 116/ SCC Chair Meeting: January 16<sup>th</sup>, 6:00PM (Report) — Front door cameras will be installed at all district elementary schools in coming weeks. Installation at Wasatch will be the week of February 26<sup>th</sup>. School choice to keep doors open or not. Allows office to see incoming person via iPad. School improvement plan is renamed Excellence & Equity Plan. Major changes will include priorities over three-year period. Final draft due in mid-April along with LAND Trust plan. This new structure will allow school to respond to newer data — to know deficits or challenges. Teachers' goals will be connected to plan. Three goals aligning with EEP will then be created in August and evaluated/modified every 90 days. These will be SMART goals and will include the following: Academic Goal, Achievement Gap Goal, and School Culture and Climate Goal.
- iv. SCC's actions and activities for the first half of the year published: in the January Newsletter and on the school Website.
- v. Review Child Access Routing Plan (aka Safe Walking Route/SNAP) — School can apply for funding which assists with walking and biking safety resources. Discussion about potential walking school bus grant. Parent raised question about need for crossing guards/flags at I Street. Caryl Fletcher to look into OT's from the U to evaluate the route for safety and make recommendations.
- vi. Begin 2018-19 SIP/LAND Trust Process — not yet begun

5. Principal report – Deborah Candler

- i. Review school budget — On target despite broader issue of Eureka Math program costs. Jennifer Hughes now para support in morning kindergarten. Candler reports student challenges already decreased. Paid with LAND Trust money. School was retrofitted in 2003 to be earthquake-ready. She encourages people to attend Community Engagement Breakfast especially those who may not be participating in other activities. A prior event led to several families getting sponsored by a Jazz player for Christmas. Candler discussed the ongoing need the school has for services and staff to serve struggling families.

- ii. Opportunity for Community to ask questions or bring forth concerns
6. Review Action Items
- i. Attend Optional SCC Learning Community Meeting: February 20th, 3:30 PM
  - ii. Forward annual SCC Survey link (or PDF copy of survey) to SCC members
  - iii. Bryant SCC Meeting; Friday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, 7-8 AM. West High SCC Meeting; Monday, February 12th, 5:30 PM

**Next meeting: Thursday, February 8th at 3:15 PM Wasatch Library**

- SCC Projects – ongoing (SAFE Neighborhoods Program, Parent Engagement Breakfasts, Bryant Middle School)
- Continue 2018-19 SIP/LAND Trust Process