



School Community Council Meeting Minutes (Approved 4-19-18))

Thursday, March 15th, 3:15 p.m. – School Library

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

1. Welcome – Introductions — Tracie Sexton, Meghan Looper, Jennifer Hughes, Elissa Wiscomb, Heather Armstrong, Molly Hames, Caryl Fletcher, Julia Lyon, Deborah Candler, Katherine Duncan, Katherine Kennedy, Rosemary Emery, Brandon Bennett, Desiree Buck, Betsy Kleba, Lynn Rosen in attendance.
2. Announcements — Tracie Sexton discussed the Legislature’s response to the Our Schools Now campaign: a Teacher and Student Success Account to ensure new funding reaches classrooms. Property taxes will increase and a question on fall ballot will ask whether state gas tax will be increased by 10 cents per gallon to increase funding to public education. As a result, Our Schools Now has agreed to withdraw ballot initiative. Overall potential increase could be by \$845 per student annually.
Katherine Kennedy explained the Salt Lake City School Board opposes the Legislature’s seizure of land for an “inland port” because of the potential loss of industrial/business tax revenue.
3. School Reports
 - a. PTA Report – Meghan Looper — April 9 is teacher appreciation week. Candler said teachers support the idea of nonprofit Playworks to improve playground culture, but not the \$16,000 cost. Using \$4,000 from our school and collaborating with other schools, a teacher from every grade level and paraprofessionals are going to get trained April 11/12. Will teach conflict resolution and games. Teachers will learn rules of games. PE teacher will teach those games. Will go into effect this spring. Val Stormont will return as PTA president next school year. April 20 is kindergarten orientation at 1:30 p.m.
 - b. SIC Chair Report – Elissa Wiscomb — March 14 was student walkout and Wasatch collaborated with classes to come up with 17 ways to be kind. Posters were displayed outside and some will be hung up inside school. April 20 will be another walkout honoring 17 years since Columbine High School shooting. Teachers are discussing a neighborhood parade focusing on kindness. Positive Behavior Intervention Support team has been updated with new members and will work to streamline school procedures. Goal is to create more school identity and community. Hoping to have monthly assemblies to honor and recognize students doing well. Candler says school will start folders on kids where they can note what interventions may have been used. This is regarding behavior and academics.
4. Agenda
 - a. Approve February minutes (vote) - Elissa Wiscomb makes motion to approve and Brandon Bennett seconds. Minutes approved. No further discussion.
 - b. School Items
 - i. Bryant Middle School Update — School board had positive reaction in terms of merge of Bryant and Salt Lake Center for Science Education. Question on some administration of partnerships. Some concerns about how Bryant staff feel about proposal as there were no teachers from Bryant at board meeting — though they are reportedly in

support. Question on status of sixth grade at SLCSE. Rosemary Emery discussed how Bryant hopes to bring community back to Bryant. Bryant is currently about half full. Plan is moving forward.

ii. Coffee & Cocoa with Candler (formerly Parent Engagement Breakfast) March 22

iii. SAFE Neighborhoods Program - 96 Hour Kit Community Fair at Wasatch (Update; Fair to be held on Saturday, April 21st 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.) Desiree Buck said HAM radio operators, CERT, Red Cross, LDS Hospital, Salt Lake Regional Hospital are among groups attending. Local churches have also been involved. Community members can attend and build/buy items for kit. Tuesday, April 3 next planning meeting in Wasatch auditorium 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

iv. Review upcoming events — Wasatch band will be marching in St. Patrick's Day parade. April 6 next PTA meeting at 11 a.m. Teacher appreciation April 9 to 13. Library week begins March 19. April 19 next SCC meeting. April 12/13 is "Frog and Toad" musical.

c. District Items

i. Complete Child Access Routing Plan (Safe Walking Route/SNAP): SNAP gives parents the ability to review the safest walking route for their child. Link available on Wasatch website. Reviewed updated map and approved updates.

ii. Optional SCC Learning Community Meeting: February 20th/SCC Chair Meeting: March 13th (Report) March 13th meeting was cancelled.

iii. Review technology needs based upon Safe Technology and Digital Citizenship requirements. Elissa Wiscomb said more is needed to keep kids safe. With access to smart phones and internet too much uncontrolled information is available to kids. Digital Citizenship Week is under discussion.

iv. Continue 2018-19 EEP/LAND Trust Process : **DRAFTS DUE MARCH 23RD** Survey of teachers helped Candler rank three-year priorities for school. Teachers' and parents' interests matched up. The following are the EEP priorities:

a. Priority 1: Collaboration with families and community — "Wasatch community will be connected and engaged in the educational experiences of their students through collaborative efforts to meet the needs of the whole child." One example is Thursday before school starts will be back-to-school BBQ for parents and kids.

b. Priority 2: High expectations for all students — "We will define high expectations for all students in regard to academic, social and emotional learning." Teaching hygiene, mindfulness, respectful behavior among goals.

c. Priority 3: Responding effectively to individual needs — "Through the support of classroom teachers and interventionists, Wasatch students will receive high-quality, differentiated instruction to meet individual academic needs." Need to meet needs of high achievers, tracking concerns and interventions through grades. Reworked budget to hire two interventionists (this will come from LAND Trust monies). Depth of knowledge professional development will help with high achievers.

d. Priority 4: Providing a safe, healthy environment. — "Wasatch students will be mindful of others. Students will be smart, thoughtful, aware and respectful in all school areas." School is discussing counseling needs and how to better meet needs for kids at different ages. School-wide fun run is under discussion. PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention Support) will also be reinstated.

e. LAND Trust Plan for 2018-19: Discussion of how cost of instructor for English Language Learners will potentially take up a large chunk of future LAND Trust dollars. Total LAND Trust monies for 2018-19 school year: \$46,940. Big change for next year will be addition of

second interventionist (one interventionist to serve grades K-2, the other grades 3-6). Monies will also be used to continue funding technology specialist. Remaining money will be spent on Professional Development for faculty and math books, which is an ongoing cost.

After discussion and a few minor changes/additions to the 2018-19 EEP and LAND Trust Plans which were reviewed, the SCC agrees that it is complete and needs no further changes. A quorum is present for a formal vote.

Tracie Sexton motions to approve the 2018-19 Wasatch EEP and LAND Trust Plans. Lynn Rosen seconds the motion. Unanimous vote in favor of approval. No further discussion.

5. Principal report – Deborah Candler
 - i. Review school budget (addressed in review of EEP and LAND Trust)
 - ii. Staffing — Question of whether school would add visual art class to arts rotation. Two interventionists need to be hired based on LAND Trust Plan. No known retirements.
 - iii. Opportunity for Community to ask questions or bring forth concerns
6. Review Action Items
 - a. Bryant SCC Meeting; Friday, March 16th at 7:00 AM, West High SCC Meeting; Monday, April 9th at 5:30 PM, East High SCC Meeting; Monday, April 2nd at 4:00 PM
 - b. Optional SCC Learning Community Meeting: April 10th at 3:30

Next meeting: April 19th 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: **DRAFTS DUE MARCH 23RD/FINAL DRAFTS DUE APRIL 23RD (Final Drafts were approved during this meeting)**