

J.R. Smith Community Council Minutes

Tuesday Feb. 24, 2015

J. R. Smith conference room

6:45 -7:45

Attendees: Ryan Brown, Kena Mair, Lynette Schiess, Rena Bucad, EJ Raven, Morgan Murdock, Janette Hall

Conducting EJ Raven chair.

Mr. Raven called the meeting to order and Morgan Murdock approved the minutes and Rena Bucad seconded it.

Discussion Items

Mr. Brown wanted to update the goals:

Goal #1 Mrs Slugga is purchasing books for Spanish and English. When she buys books with the Community Council money she has a stamp to show which books are bought with that money. Also, the money will be used for the take home library, and our great summer reading program. It was noted that maybe we should look at implementing a summer math program also.

Goal #2 Mr. Brown talked about the graph that he has shown at previous meetings that reflects the students that are not ready for kindergarten. That is why this goal is so important so that we can bridge the gap. The money is being used for an aide in the classroom working in small groups, helping with the dual-English with centers. Mr. Brown has documentation reflecting the aides' schedule. The council had a discussion on the aides that worked in the school and who was paid with what money. The funding limits who gets services. The vote that was taken via email on 2/13/15 was discussed and approved. 7 in favor.

Goal #3 This goal is the professional learning for teachers. Mr. Brown shared with the council what is being done so far. He sent 2 teachers to art express. This gives teachers ideas to use in their classroom to integrate the arts. The teachers are still being trained with CMI. In March the professional day will be used for a day of learning on how to engage students. This will help with the next step with digital conversion.

Concerns

How can we get funds for classrooms? Mr. Brown noted that the PTA gives \$200 to each grade level at Christmas time. However, in the past, the PTA gave \$200 randomly throughout the school year.

Digital Conversion will result in each class having an active white board. The 3rd and 4th grades, all students will have a computer, which WILL NOT go home. K-2 will be 1-2 devices and will be used as centers in the classroom. Mr. Brown noted that this is an added tool for effective teaching.

Mr. Raven and Mrs. Hall discussed how Park City School District has fundraisers to raise money for the schools. Mrs. Mair noted that the Wasatch Community Foundation donates money to our students at Wasatch County School District.

Grandparents at lunch time? Mr. Raven said we need more.

Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Brown and Rena Bucad seconded, meeting was adjourned 7:45.

Next meeting is March 31, 2015. We will be looking at goals for the 2015-2016 school year and decide on a plan.