

J.R. Smith Community Council Minutes

Tuesday April 28, 2015

6:45 -7:45

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

Conducting; EJ Raven, chair

Mrs. Mair noted that 2 items in the minutes were wrong and so with those corrections the minutes were approved by Mr. Brown and Seconded by EJ Raven.

Discussion Items:

Mr. Raven asked each member to take 2 minutes and tell where they felt the money would be the most beneficial.

Rena Bucad stated that she would like to see teacher development she feels that teachers benefit from this and it trickles down to students.

Mrs. Scheiss would like to see this money obligated to the student council which promotes character education and is valuable to students. Mr. Murdock asked if a stipend could be used to pay the teacher who helped with student council. Mr. Brown looked it up and noted that it was possible.

Mr. Long would spend it on goal #2 to close the gap and make it easier for teachers to teach more and essentially reach more students. Mr. Brown would like to allocate \$1,000 on goal #1 which is literacy books.

Mr. Brown would also like money allocated to close the gap for goal #2 in kindergarten. Mr. Brown would like to see funds allocated to goal #3 for high quality professional development and he would like to see the CMI coach receive a stipend. Mr. Murdock would like to use the funds for UBI or PBS training for improvement of behavior. Mr. Brown looked it up and 20% could be allocated to this program to make it work. Mr. Murdock commented on how successful it has been at TIS.

Mrs. Mair wants to see the money to benefit all students.

Mrs. Hall would like to see the money allocated for literacy as the DLI program moves into upper grades level. Mrs. Hall would like to see reading incentives for students who read Spanish books. Mrs. Hall thought teacher development was good because teachers get excited about learning new ideas.

A question was asked about what the donation was used for. Mr. Brown explained that it was used for class parties and to fund 1 field trip per grade level. It was discussed that if parents could pay on line for their fees that maybe more parents would donate. Mr. Brown will check on this item to see if it can be up and running for the coming school year.

The following is what the council determined that the money should be spent on.

Goal #1

Goal

Goal number 1 is to increase the reading proficiency of students by increasing the amount of literacy materials in the school by the end of the 2015-2016 school year.

Academic Areas

Reading

Measurements

DIBELS beginning of year (BOY), middle of year (MOY) and end of year (EOY) data, as required by Senate Bill 150.

Action Plan Steps

Use the literacy materials during our summer reading program. Use Spanish language texts in the library and Spanish language classrooms; English materials in a similar manner. Students will use the literacy materials during library time and at other times by checking them out.

Expenditures

Category	Description	Cost
Textbooks (641)	Guided/Summer Reading And Classroom Texts	\$1,000
Library Books (644)	Spanish And English Texts.	\$3,000
	Total:	\$4,000

Goal #2

Goal

Goal number 2 is to close the achievement gap in kindergarten students by providing kindergarten intervention.

Academic Areas

Reading

Measurements

Every kindergarten student participates in a pre-assessment of kindergarten readiness skills. Those with the greatest deficiencies are invited to participate in OEK (Optional Extended Kindergarten). All students are re-assessed at the middle of the year and end of year to measure academic gains.

Action Plan Steps

An aide will be hired with this money to help the classroom teachers provide instruction in smaller groups. Priority will be given to a Spanish/English bi-lingual aide so that the aide time can be divided in an equitable manner between all kindergarten sections.

Expenditures

Category	Description	Cost
Salaries And Employee Benefits (100 And 200)	Aide Time.	\$15,000
	Total:	\$15,000

Goal #3

Goal

Goal number 3 is to provide high quality, on going professional learning for the teachers.

Academic Areas

Reading

Mathematics

Measurements

As per Senate Bill 150, DIBELS (Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills) is administered three times throughout the year. This provides a base-line, mid-year and final measure of how students are progressing. We will also use the grade-level specific common formative assessments for math.

Action Plan Steps

Teachers will attend a variety of professional learning activities throughout the course of the year: Art (i.e. Arts Express) Literacy (i.e. UVU Literacy Conference) Math (i.e. Comprehensive Mathematics Instruction-CMI) Team Building (i.e. Professional Learning Communities) Other targeted professional learning activities

Expenditures

Category	Description	Cost
Professional And Technical Services (300)	Trainers, Coaches, Workshops, Etc.	\$11,634
	Total:	\$11,634

Goal #4

Goal

J.R. Smith Elementary will provide civic and character education including student leadership skills training and positive behavior intervention in a way that will directly affect student academic achievement. For example, student government, Positive Behavior Support Systems (all aspects), Attendance/Tardy motivation, and modest stipends for adult mentors.

Academic Areas

Reading
Mathematics
Writing

Measurements

J.R. Smith Elementary will determine if we are making progress towards the goal by assessing Beginning of Year (BOY), Middle of Year (MOY), End of Year (EOY) and SAGE Data points in all tested areas.

Action Plan Steps

1. Implement all aspects of PBS/UBI for students and staff
2. Student council activities
3. Modest stipends for adult mentor

Expenditures

Category	Description	Cost
General Supplies (610)	UBI/PBS, Student Government, Adult Mentor Stipends	\$5,000
	Total:	\$5,000

A motion was made to accept the plan. The voting went as follows:

Kena Mair yes

Rena Bucad yes

EJ Raven yes

Jason Long yes

Janette Hall yes

Morgan Murdock yes

Mr. Brown yes

Mrs. Scheiss is a non-voting party.

Voting was unanimous. The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00.

