

J.R. Smith Community Council Minutes

Tuesday March 31

J. R. Smith conference room

6:45 -7:45

Attendees: Ryan Brown, Kena Mair, Lynette Schiess, Rena Bucad, EJ Raven, Janette Hall and Misty Rocha

Conducting Mr. Brown and then EJ Raven chair.

Mr. Brown called the meeting to order and Janette Hall motioned to approve the minutes and Rena Bucad seconded it.

Discussion Items

1. Mrs. Sheiss talked about tardies are improving, even from last year's stats. Capture the flag is a successful intervention.
2. Mr. Brown mentioned parent night that is coming up on April 14th at 6:30. Digit conversion will be discussed. Superintendent Shoemaker will talk about the proposed bonds that are upcoming in the next election.
3. Professional Development – Mr. Brown discussed how professional development connects everything together with engagement in math and next year's digital conversion. Misty Rocha, our math specialist, attended our meeting to show the community council what her job in the district entails. Misty presented a CMI lesson the community council. The council had a fun activity with building stair cases. CMI has 3 components, a deeper understanding, the procedural and the conceptual understanding. Mr. Brown noted that Misty Rocha is an important part of this program. It would be very nice to contact school members to let them know how fortunate we are to continue this training in our district. Mr. Brown is grateful for the school board and their vision of this program.
4. The community council discussed how the money is allocated. It was suggested to cut back on Goal #1 which is, literacy materials in the school. Perhaps changing it to adding more money to Goal #2 and #3 which are hiring aides and professional development. After discussion, it was decided to slide money from Goal #1 to Goal #3. Mr. Brown will send an email the community council showing the money previously allocated for each goal. Mrs. Hall commented about keeping enough money to buy Spanish books for dual immersion for the 3rd and 4th grades.

Mr. Brown clarified that the aide that was hired recently, was hired with special education funds and paid for out of Trust Lands Funds.

Motion to adjourn made by Kena Mair, it was seconded by Mr. Brown and meeting adjourned at 8:00.

Next meeting will be April 28, 2015 at 6:45 a.m.