

Mueller Park Community Council Meeting
February 22, 2016
6:45 – 7:30 A.M.
Office Conference Room
Minutes

Attendance: Mrs. Kapetanov, John Tobin, Brenda Raccuia, Michelle Spackman, Amy Nydegger, Kevin Poff, Claire Cassity, Jessica Gunn, Maria Ellis, Larry Smith (school board)

Excused: Kirsten Mele

Approval of January minutes: Motioned by Brenda Raccuia and seconded by Amy Nydegger. There was a unanimous approval by the Community Council (John Tobin, Michelle Spackman, Kevin Poff, Jessica Gunn, Maria Ellis and Claire Cassity).

PLC Summer Hybrid Conference: Mrs. Kapetanov reported that the PLC Summer Hybrid Conference is the same conference as the 2 ½ day conference minus the breakout sessions. If costs \$299.00 per person and will be held June 20 – 21, 2016. She recommended that teachers attending be given a \$100.00 stipend per day. She said that the budget has enough money to send 5 – 6 people. These monies must come out of the 2015-2016 LAND trust budget. If 5 individuals attend then about half the faculty will have received PLC training which will help us be more efficient, increase the transparency of our teams and provide better student results as the outcomes will become more consistent. Maria Ellis recommended that we have as many trained in order to understand the cultural mind shift. John Tobin was concerned that we would have to drop something from this year's budget to fund the conference. Mrs. Kapetanov said that she anticipates that there will be sufficient funds as there were some conferences that were not attended that had been previously budgeted. Mrs. Kapetanov proposed that at least 5 and possibly more teachers attend this June. She will send the current budget out to Community Council members to review. Community Council approved to send as many teachers as possible to the June 20 – 21 conference with available Trust Lands fund (including a teacher stipend). This was motioned by Maria Ellis and seconded by Jessica Gunn. There was a unanimous approval by the Community Council (John Tobin, Brenda Raccuia, Michelle Spackman, Amy Nydegger, Kevin Poff, and Claire Cassity).

Student Achievement: Mrs. Kapetanov reported that the student achievement measure is the Explore test given to 9th grade students. The Explore is a practice test to the ACT. This was the last year for the District to administer the Explore test as ACT is not going to have it anymore. The comparison of percentage of students scoring at or above the benchmark scores are as follows: 76% to 80% in English this year, 30% to 29% in Math, 48% to 43% in Reading and 42% to 45% in Science. Mrs. Kapetanov recommended that we look at another Math goal for the 2016-2017 school year. Mr. Poff said that it will be interesting to see the results in Math for our current students. The Math department has focused on standards based grading resulting in fewer

students failing. They have focused on student by student, skill by skill. Amy Nydegger said that she's concerned with students understanding the *whys* of Math. Maria Ellis said that the *why* knowledge comes at each grade level. It builds upon itself. Mr. Poff said that the understanding of standards is the main emphasis in the Math department this year. Mrs. Kapetanov agreed that understanding the *why* is very important for all areas of study. Mrs. Kapetanov said that when working in PLCs, or collaborative teams, teachers can see how their students do in comparison to other teachers. Teachers can share teaching ideas as to how it was taught in their classroom. Teachers are able to support others in checking for understanding. John Tobin asked about other sources of student achievement for this year. Mrs. Kapetanov said that we use the SRI, SAGE, interim Math and Science screeners and midyear Social Studies benchmark tests.

LAND Trust budget: John Tobin asked Community Council members and faculty to begin thinking of areas of focus for the 2016-2017 school improvement plan. The Learning First planning day is April 19, 2016. The LAND trust budget will be discussed in March.

PTO Update: Brenda Raccuia reported that Peggy Stout will be the PTO President for the 2016-2017 school year. Cindy Mortensen will serve as Treasurer and Brenda Raccuia will continue as the Secretary. Brenda Raccuia will stay on the Community Council as the PTO representative.

Counseling update: Claire Cassity reported that the Counselors are completing the 9th grade College and Career Readiness conferences. High school Counselors will be at MPJH on March 9th to help students request classes for the 2016-2017 school year. The Counselors and Administrators just completed their visits with every incoming 7th grader at their respective elementary schools. A special time was also set up for students attending charter schools such as Wasatch Peak and Legacy Prep. Thank you to all who supported their children in their individual appointment. On February 25 a special evening has been prepared for all 9th grade students and their parents. *Think College* will help students and parents better understand the college application process, high school internships, financial aid, scholarships and Regents Scholarship. Thank you to the presenters from Bountiful and Woods Cross High School and the state for participating in this special event.

Larry Smith from the School Board attended the February 22nd Community Council. He gave compliments to John Tobin for running a good Community Council meeting. He also complimented each member in attendance for their commitment and dedication.

Adjourn: Motioned by Kevin Poff and seconded by Jessica Gunn. There was a unanimous approval by the Community Council (John Tobin, Maria Ellis, Amy Nydegger, Brenda Raccuia, Michelle Spackman, and Claire Cassity).