

# Westland Elementary School Community Council

## Meeting Minuets November 19<sup>th</sup> 2018

Present: Neffy Nunley (Chair), Trisha Gourley (vice chair), Stephanie Grange (secretary), Adam Sagers (teacher), and Laurie Goodsell (Principal), Mindi Allen, Tiffany Pyper, Becky Lassig

Start time 3:32pm / End time 5pm

Neff brought meeting to order at 3:32pm

1. Introductions of new members:

Mindi Allen, Tiffany Pyper, and Becky Lassig. All new members were voted in and are now voting members of the school community council. It was taken to a vote and all members of the council were in favor.

2. Approval of Meeting minuets from October 1<sup>st</sup>:

Stephanie motioned to approve the minuets, Neffy second, all members were in favor, none opposed

3. Fundraiser:

Neffy stated that the candy grams were a big hit last year and suggested that it would be good to do it again this year but would need some assistance from the school to run the candy grams. Principal Laurie advised the council that there is a new secretary Crystal and she would ask her to help run the candy grams. Last year approximately \$3,500 was raised from the fundraiser and only spending approximately \$1,000 for the supplies.

Proposed that there will be a \$1, \$3, and \$5 options for the children or parents to pick from the products being sold. Neffy is willing to head up the fundraiser and run it. It was suggested by Stephanie that there be a budgeted amount allowed to be pulled from the school community council funds to buy the supplies needed for the fundraiser of a minimum of \$500 to \$1,500. Neffy advised the council that because it was such a big hit last year that more money will be needed for supplies. Neffy recommended going up to \$2,500 for supplies. Dates were recommended from Friday February 8<sup>th</sup> to February 14<sup>th</sup> and end at lunch time to help get the kids and parents motivated to join in the fundraiser. Stephanie recommended possibly doing it sooner February 6<sup>th</sup> but Trisha advised Stephanie how difficult it is to fun the fundraiser and that too many days will be too much.

Stephanie motioned to start the fundraiser February 8<sup>th</sup> and end lunch time on February 14<sup>th</sup> with the price range for the items \$1, \$3, and \$5 with a budget to but the item from \$500 to \$2,500 at the discretion of the principal to obtain the amount needed for the supplies. Trisha seconded the motion, all members in favor, none opposed

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Neffy asked how the money from the fundraiser would be spent? Neffy recommended that we put all the money earned back in to the STEM program to help buy the supplies as they did last year. Principal Laurie advised Neff that they still had plenty of supplies and were okay. Laurie recommended that we hold on to the money and not spend it so that if something came up the council would have money they could help with. Stephanie agreed with the principal. Stephanie suggested that we put in the Land trust a request for supplies to cover what the program needed. Some members of the council were unfamiliar with what the land trust was and Laurie advised them it is a proposed budget for the following school year (add in what you need). Adam recommended that we spend the money on more assemblies for the STEM program. Tiffany asked what the STEM program was and Adam explained that it is the program they are currently using with the kids called Cat Tracks. Stephanie recommended that we do not vote on how to spent the money today and that we can discuss it in March after the fundraiser is done.

Stephanie motioned to discuss the proceeded and how the fundraiser went in march and we will discuss the needs for the stem program at that time, Tiffany seconded the motion, all in favor, none opposed.

#### 4. Code of Conduct (behavior/bullying):

Principal Laurie advised the council that when going over the code of conduct that it was missing a section on behaviors and bullying. We as a council needed to take a vote about adding this section in that was written up by Laurie for the code of conduct based on the principals of the Jordan school district. Laurie advised the council that all teacher as well as her self-attended the district safety and wellness training class prior to the school year starting. Tiffany asked if in the behavior and expectation section if we could put the may be advised to speak with a counselor. Laurie advised that seeking help from the councilor must have permission from the parents/legal guardian in order to seek help but the 1<sup>st</sup> time is okay with out parent permission. Adam stated that we do not want the kids to see going to the councilor as a punishment or a bad thing that they are there to help. Tiffany and other members agreed.

Under the Bullying section there was a big discussion on the second bullet point which states what is bullying? "these actions occur repeatedly over time. Neffy stated that the word repeatedly should never be used and Trisha agreed with her. Laurie stated that she obtained the wording directly from the district meeting they went to. Stephanie did not see a problem with the word repeatedly nor did Adam. Stephanie asked what signs were hanging around the school for antibullying. Laurie obtained the sign and the council went over it. The sign was different wording than what was proposed in the code of conduct. Council members agreed on using the wording from the (a bullet point from the sign and replacing it on the proposed bullet point). Members of the council used examples of how their kids were bullied when a child hit their kid one day. (I can't remember fully the details). Stephanie stated that schools over use the word bullying and that it is

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sending wrong messages to children. Adam stated that bullying is an intentional repeated act done to a child or children by another child. It is not a kid one day hitting a child because they are mad it is a child hitting that kid every single day because they want to. Bullying can be verbal, physical, destruction of property or more. Bullying is an intentional act that is thought about prior to the action taking place, as well as, it is more than one occurrence. Neff was adamant about NOT having the word repeatedly in the code of conduct.

Neff motioned to approve (statement that we decided on) and the code of conduct changes to be made to the code of conduct bullying section and the proposed code of conduct to be approved with the changes having been made. Stephanie 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, all in favor, none opposed. The code of conduct can be viewed on the Westland webpage.

### 5. Open forum:

Stephanie asked why the safe walking route was not on the agenda as it was asked to be put on this meeting's agenda? Principal Laurie stated "I am sorry, I forgot". Stephanie advised the council again of the concerns for the children walking home that the back of the school was not safe and kids are darting into the rode almost getting hit constantly. That there is not crossing guards back there and that there are crosswalks. Stephanie again stated she has not seen a teacher outside when the kids are out. Becky also stated her concerns for the children and that she picks her child up from the back of the school and kids are darting into the rode, no crossing guards. Neff stated that there is no sidewalk where the circle is where parents are dropping their kids off in the back of the school and that is a major safety issue. Neff also stated that they have tried previously to get west Jordan city to put sidewalks in and they refused. There are no sidewalks in multiple areas where the kids walk to and from school. This is a big concern for the safety of the children. Neff stated that in the back of the school that during the winter time the ( ) is not maintained and extremely icy. Neff suggested that we fence off the back of the school and kids can only be picked up from the front of the school. Becky stated that it would make many parents angry because the front of the school is so difficult to get the children from. Laurie stated that it would increase the congestion in the front of the school and would cause multiple problems. Stephanie, Becky, and Tiffany were in favor with the principal. Stephanie recommended that we have the Jordan school board rep, crossing guard supervisor, and west Jordan city at the next school community council meeting. Laurie asked Stephanie to contact all the different people and invite them to attend. Laurie advised that at the next meeting we will need to take a vote on the safe walking route.

Neff motioned to adjourn the meeting, Stephanie seconded, all members in favor, none apposed. Meeting adjourned at 5pm. Next meeting on Monday, January 7 at 3:00.