

Orem Elementary School Community Council

November 13, 2007 Room 205 Meeting Minutes

OES SCC Members present at meeting

Faculty:

Brad Davies
Jon Mohlman
Heather Stewart

Parents:

Shari Gingras
Ada Wilson
Mindy Harmon
Jenna Wood

Absent: Faculty member Emilie Whitehead and parent Teresa Gorritti.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ada Wilson.

1. October Minutes were read and approved by Secretary Mindy Harmon.
2. By vote of the parent members on SCC, Jenna Wood was appointed a new member on the SCC.
3. Caren Robison, first grade teacher at OES, spoke to the SCC. She presented the need for a possible first grade STAR tutor. OES currently has one STAR tutor who covers 2nd - 6th grades. However, there is a great need within the first grade to also have access to a STAR tutor, as they did last year. Parent volunteers are not STAR trained and not able to meet the needs of the low level students. Caren shared some statistics on the first graders at OES. 35% of first graders are under where they need to be (grade level reading). First grade Class sizes are 27-28 students per class, which is too large for teachers to meet the demands of the low level students. The STAR tutor would spend 2-3 hours working with students every day. It was agreed that there is a definite need for a STAR tutor for the first grade. Caren Robison knows someone that may be interested in the job. Brad Davies will look further into hiring someone, possibly starting the week after Thanksgiving.
4. Jon Mohlman reported on the types of tests and their usefulness to this committee. He reviewed a packet of information and data on tests that are given to OES students. The committee will review the data. Jon agreed to be the committee specialist to answer questions about testing data. For example, he pointed out that test scores usually drop when accelerated students leave the school to participate in the ALL program at Cherry Hill.
5. Proposed plan for 2007-2008 given to SCC members by Ada Wilson and Brad Davies went over the main points and where we stand on each. We are in need of a person to run SOAR – an After School program with a science emphasis. There is money set aside. We also need to hire at least one additional STAR tutor, beyond the first grade tutor, and an additional math aide.
6. The committee discussed and formed committees for Reading and Math. The chairman will email information about these committees to everyone so that they can begin working and have information available for our next meeting.
7. Next meeting is scheduled for December 11, 2007, 11:15 am, Room 205. The public is welcome to attend.