

Minutes of April 2, 2008 - Orem Elementary School Community Council

Date: April 2, 2008---Time: 11:15 am---Room 205 Orem Elementary School
Focus: Final Draft of 2008-09 School Plan Approval

Present at meeting:

Faculty:

Brad Davies-Principal
Heather Stewart
Emelie Whitehead

Parents:

Ada Wilson-Chair

Mindy Harmon-Secretary
Shari Gingras
Jenna Wood

Absent:

Jon Mohlman-Faculty
Teresa Gorritti-Parent

Meeting was brought to order by Ada Wilson, Chair.

Emilia Whitehead, faculty, read the minutes from the previous SCC meeting in March. Jenna Wood moved that the minutes be approved. All voted in favor.

Comments from the previous minutes:

Regarding the RAD kids, Mrs. Oliviera will not be teaching RAD as part of PE here at OES. This is something that the SCC wants to have at our school. Brad Davies will see if RAD could be offered through the 2nd and 3rd grade class curricula next year. We need another teacher trained to teach this.

Brad Davies reported on the SCC Election that was held during the Spring Chorus Concert in March. Ada Wilson and Teresa Gorritti were elected to additional two year terms on the OES SCC. Each of them received 34 votes. Brad told us that for next year's election, we need a locked voting box with a slot. It was said that the OES office has one. The faculty will hold their election soon.

Ada Wilson will check with the PTA to make sure that the expenses for the CCRC (Crazy Cubs Reading Club) are shared between the PTA and SCC, remembering that SCC cannot fund any food items. Many year-end expenses are still pending.

OES SCC Business

As members of the SCC, should we have an attendance rule? To this date, there are no definite by-laws and we should probably look at developing some guidelines for this next year.

Could we hold meetings on a Tuesday next year? We will contact members in July to see which day is most convenient.

All SCC members are invited to attend the Collaboration Day Visits on April 28th, 2:45-3:45 pm, here at Orem Elementary. Usually each grade level meets separately.

The Beginning of Terms of Office was discussed. July 1st is currently when terms begin here at OES. We chose to keep it that way.

Brad Davies gave us the following information. OES enrollment is declining slightly, by about 21 students. Consequently, OES will be losing 1 ½ core teachers. Brad is planning to absorb this loss in the retirement of Karen Dixon and the elimination of the TSA intern (Teacher on Special Assignment- essentially, an assistant to the principal). A break down of the projected number of students in each grade: K-80, 1st-79, 2nd-103, 3rd-86, 4th-107, 5th-77, 6th-75. Brad will soon be making the decision about how to adjust the teaching assignments to make up for this loss. Trustland monies will be important in helping the grade level that ends up with the greater teaching load through funding an aide.

The 2008-09 School Plan was discussed. We were able to meet most requests and hope that textbook monies will help cover many items we were not able to fund directly. The bulk of our budget will be applied towards teachers and aids.

We will check to see if the District is funding a stipend for upper grade teachers to grade their assessments—last year they did at about the rate of \$60 per teacher. If this is true this year, we can apply the funds we budgeted for that to tutors and aides.

It was proposed that any extra funds we may receive, that are not needed for tutors and aides, be prioritized for professional development. The Council decided to expand expenditures on “science equipment” to “science and math equipment” just in case there are teachers with needs for math manipulatives. Next year the SCC would like to make sure that, when they fill out the Faculty Survey, teachers fully understand how Trustlands money can and can't be distributed.

Trustland Funds can only be used for things

- 1) that directly relate to student academic achievement,
- 2) that directly relate to the School Improvement Plan in the areas identified as “critical needs”, and
- 3) whose effects are directly measurable.

Members of the SCC signed and approved the 2008-90 School Plan.

Next Meeting: Wednesday May 14th, 2008 11:15 am OES Room 205
Focus: Election of Next Year's SCC Officers - Training Video