School Community Council Meeting Minutes

September 6, 2018

Approved 11-1-18

1. In attendance: Ryan and Cindi Schut, Julie Openshaw, Julie and Troy Thomson, Kristin Sokol, Brecka Scott, Nic Hales, Corbi Van Wagoner, Chad Wiet, Phillip and Carol Tree, Assistant Principal Nan Ririe and Principal Cherie Wilson

Phillip Tree nominated Carol Tree for school community council chair. The voting was unanimous. Nic Hales was nominated for vice chair. Voting was unanimous. Julie Thomson will remain as secretary.

1. Dates for upcoming meetings were discussed. Thursday, Nov. 1, 6 pm; Thursday, Jan. 31, 6 pm; Thursday, May 2, 6 pm. All voted unanimously to meet on these dates.
2. Land trust plan reports: Principal Wilson said great progress has been made in benchmark testing. (See chart) Land trust money has been used well. Contact the local legislators to let them know we want and need that money. Brecka Scott asked Principal Wilson to remind us where the money is used. It is used for aides to help while teachers do PLCs. This year every teacher has an aide for one hour per day, 4 days per week. Principal Wilson said she also has other school budgets to use for aides to work with teachers and kids who need extra help, but there’s not much available each year. STEM money raised by this committee has also been used for STEM supplies and the kids love them. Math RTI has also been applied to figure out the grade level of students so they can be taught on their level. More details will be given at the next meeting on the 2017-18 Land Trust Report due in October.
3. Upcoming training dates for new and current SCC members: October 25, 6 pm, Jordan District ASB building.
4. Assistant Principal Nan Ririe explained the JSD Wellness Policy. She showed the nutrition website that gives food choices and information. Students are asked to always make a healthy choice when going through the lunch line. Free and reduced cost lunches are available. Nutrition personnel are trained. Lunches are scheduled by the school to encourage healthy habits. Eating areas are supervised. Nutrition training is given to teachers and students are also instructed in nutrition at every grade.

Physical fitness policies: every class receives 40 minutes PE per week. Recess aides offers organized activities. Equipment will be safe and frequently inspected. District has its own wellness committees. Phillip asked if mental health is being addressed in these programs. Assistant Principal Ririe said the district is beginning to train administration and staff about mental health and beginning to develop more programs. Principal Wilson said we now have a full time psychologist in the school. Kristin asked if we could bring in speakers to address emotional health and coping techniques with the kids. Julie Openshaw mentioned it’s necessary to be careful of what ideas we plant in the minds of students. Mrs. Wilson said the school has been recognized for working on kindness and more training is coming in the future. She says direction on this is coming soon to the district because they are developing a curriculum for that. Chad said kids have a need for physical activity to release stress. He would like to see more structured exercise time. Julie Openshaw agrees and said she often has her kids go out and run the field and then receive rewards for it, especially when kids are not focusing. Principal Wilson said there is time built in the teacher’s schedules to get kids moving and feels like they use it well. Carol asked about recess being taken away as a punishment for students. District policy is to always send students out to recess. Cindi agreed and felt that the exercise for kids is as valuable as any medication for anxiety. A walking club is used by some teachers. Brecka asked if more of these “groups” could be implemented. Corbi said at Fox Hollow the kids did it before and after school. But teachers are overloaded and may not be able to manage a group like this. Principal Wilson said grants can be given to teachers who put in extra hours for groups. Carol asked if anyone would like to do some research on exercise programs that may work well here. Chad volunteered to do this. Kristin said she’d like to see some coping techniques or training for kids. Cherie said that kind of training could be built into the school schedule with the rotation aide that teaches the 7 Habits/Bully Blockers class.

1. Principal Wilson said Amy Peterson did a survey about inside recess. Let’s put this on the next meeting schedule.
2. Nic would like to see a fundraiser discussed at the next meeting.
3. Kristin motioned to adjourn.
4. A request was made for a report on Internet Safety Policy for the next meeting’s agenda.