

Oquirrh Elementary School Community Council – January 23, 2018

Meeting Minutes

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Present: Jimmy Anderson, Shanna Anderson, Jill Burton, Stephanie Grange, Kira Hansen, Edgar Harwood, Lalyta Harwood, Jen Jensen, Janice Johnson, Heidi Kemp, Aurora Nava, Mandy Thurman, Laura Tovey, Lori Wiley, and Katie Zaragoza. Jerri Mausbach.

Absent: Michael Jensen and Jessica Morgan

Next meeting: March 20, 2018 at 4:15 pm in Oquirrh Library

I. Call to Order

Edgar Harwood called the meeting to order.

II. Reporting

- Financial Report - nothing reported

III. New Business

- Review and approve minutes from November 16, 2017.

Stephanie Grange motioned to approve meeting minutes from November 16, 2017.

Jen Jensen seconded the motion.

All council members voted in favor of the motion.

- Review Changes to Drop Off/Pick Up

Mandy advised the council they made the changes to the drop off that we advised last meeting. They have put cones at the beginning of the drop off. Ron Kelly is at the most difficult position to keep parents following the rules, traffic moving and kids safe. Jerri, assistant principal, has worked to have aides cover more of the playground outside duty, especially on inside mornings when teachers need to be in the building for their classes. Shanna advised it is more congested now that the busing has ended. The cones are helpful but they are not always there. Mandy asked Katie Zaragoza to work with safety patrol to make sure they are placed. Shanna advised the car pick up is crazy with the dots right now. Not all the teachers are directing the students since they hear their name and then run to a dot Safety Patrol and even the crossing guard don't always pay attention to traffic flow as well and that can really back things up. Shanna feels the changes are working to improve things. It just needs some fine tuning. Jerri advised that she always see at least one car that speeds. The council will continue to listen to feedback and the school will continue to work on fine tune the process to keep kids safe and move things along. Mandy advised that we now need to approve the SNAP plan now that the Bangerter changes are over. Since the skybridge is in place a safe walking route can be finalized. Mandy went over the plan that will be submitted to district and city. She specifically highlighted the changes were are suggesting to the city. Mandy showed the map of the proposed crosswalk changes on 7000 S. The city is waiting for property owner communication and electricity with Pacific Corporation. There will be 2 crossing guards there. Aurora Nava said there is no crossing guard on Dixie Friday afternoons. We will let the city know to check on it. Laura Tovey advised the crossing guards are mean. The man is grumpy and rude. It discourages her kids from walking. We have left the request to move the crosswalk on 3200 South even though it is not high priority for the city. We have asked the city to find a safe crossing at the roundabout on Campus View Drive where the 2 apartment complexes are. We have also

asked them to fix the sidewalk 6920 South on the safe walking route. It is in poor condition. With the bridge open, half the school uses that sidewalk. Bangerter project representative is also letting the city know that the sidewalk in in poor condition. One representative saw 2 children fall when she was assisting students that first week in walking to school. The plan also asks for no parking signs during school hours on Paddington near the crosswalk. Mandy advised the council that the city said they cannot paint red on the west side of Paddington because it would not allow any parking there. The council is good with the plan and suggested improvements. Mandy will submit the plan in February.

- Fundraiser

Janice advised the sticker machine is 25% profit. They maintain the green machines (they don't run on electricity). It has a built in feature to prevent money being inserted for out of stock stickers to cut down on the machine "eating" money. Once a month, it is refilled and a check is sent to the school for that month. The representative said schools can make between 300 and 600. It varies. Several council members expressed concerns with the stickers being placed all over the school. Katie advised that students use stickers on the fruit they receive and have covered one desk in 6th grade. Janice offered that rep said students do not generally graffiti with the stickers because they are exciting and something they will have paid their own money for. If we get it, it would need to be placed near the office because placement in the cafeteria could create more behavior problems. Several members asked about a pencil machine. Janice advised the company is working on it but they have yet to find a reliable and good pencil vendor. Jen remembers when Oquirrh had a pencil machine. Jerri advised that she found a pencil vending machine on Amazon for around \$240. Pencils could be purchased for about .13 cents. Oquirrh could then sell for one quarter and profit could go to school community council fund. Aurora offered we could also have store with notebook and school type supplies. Janice offered she has seen store fundraiser that are generally offered during the holidays. As a parent, Aurora would rather send money for something that would be useful to her student and it helps the school. Stephanie suggested we still send an interest survey about fundraising and what parents would like, even direct donation and encouraging donations. Jen suggested we work with the sticker company and if we don't like it we don't have to continue it.

Stephanie Grange motioned work with the Spirit Vending Company (stickers) this school year to raise funds for the School Community council fund.

Aurora Nava seconded the motion.

All council members voted in favor of the motion.

Jimmy Anderson motioned to allocate \$350 from the school community council fund to buy a pencil machine and pencils with profits from the machine to go to the school community council fund.

Stephanie seconded the motion.

All council members voted in favor of the motion.

Edgar Harwood motioned to send a survey and request direct donations.

Stefanie seconded the motion.

All council members voted in favor of the motion.

- Other Business

Stephanie asked about playtime and playground behaviors. Mandy advised Playworks works best when Coach

Purple is here. They are struggling to keep kids playing appropriate games when he is not around and the students tend to revert to games that involve tag and pushing which can result in fights. Aurora asked if she could volunteer to help. Mandy advised we have only 2 playground aides and we haven't been able to staff the last one we are allocated over the year. She would welcome more parent volunteers if they were willing to help.

Jimmy asked about Girls on the Run. Mandy says we can't run it as a school. It was teacher run last year and one of the teachers has moved to another school and the other teacher is currently unable to at this time. Lori advised the council that it is meant to build self esteem in self and others. It is national program. There is a big cost though, around \$140 which can be prohibitive to our general student population. With the program, they have a lesson and then practice running. They run a 5k at the end. Lori Wiley said she would be willing to head it up. Jimmy offered that he knows of a possible sponsor. Jerri offered to participate it in it. Lori and Jerri will look at getting the program set up for the school and see if they have missed any deadlines for joining.

Jimmy asked about using council funds to recognize teachers who are doing great on outside duty, especially Ron Kelly who the council asked to always head up the most difficult outside duty spot. He really does make the parking lot safer and keep things moving. In return, he receives a lot of negativity from parents. Jimmy suggested a gift card. Jerri suggested if we knew a seamstress we could get him a special camo outside duty vest. Stephanie suggested \$100 gift card. Mandy advised that we may have limits with gift card amounts and we would have to check on if that amount is allowed. The school can only do \$10 gift card amounts. Aurora suggested doing 10 \$10 amounts then if we want to recognize with that amount. Shanna said she would like to recognize Jeniffer Ballard who does amazing at her outside duty spot during pick up. Stephanie asked about recognizing more teachers for safety and not just outside duty spots. She offered there is also a lot going on in the building as well and we should recognize them too. Jimmy suggested that the outside duty is a big deal and there is nothing wrong recognizing those who really do go above and beyond. We don't have to recognize everyone. There is nothing wrong with really recognizing those who go above the ordinary requirements. Kira suggested that we recognize those who do something outstanding for academics as well not just outside duty. Mandy advised that she loves to recognize teachers and they have some programs in place like positive action at faculty meetings. It is always good to give more recognition and help faculty and staff feel appreciated. Jerri advised that notes have a big impact. She knows teachers who have held onto thank you notes for years. A nice card could go a long way. Laura offered to put together a nice card that could be used. Council members suggested a rotating monthly recognition like a parking star of the month. Jerri suggested we could decorate a cone that passes to the new recipient. A decorated safety cone could be like a rotating trophy. The council could recognize Ron Kelly and then let the administration decide the next recipient. We could allocate funds up to \$25 for administration to use to recognize and thank those going above and beyond once a month.

Edgar Harwood motioned to have a safety cone "trophy" that rotates to a safety star each month and up to a \$100 gift card or maximum of whatever is allowed by council rules to be distributed to Ron Kelly first and then as administration chooses.

Jimmy Anderson seconded the motion.

All council members voted in favor of the motion.

Edgar Harwood motioned to allocate \$25 a month for a card and up to a \$10 gift card for monthly recognition to be decided by the administration as they pass safety cone trophy.

Jimmy Anderson seconded the motion.

All council members voted in favor of the motion.

IV. Motion to Adjourn

Kira Hansen motioned to adjourn the meeting
Jimmy Anderson seconded the motion
All council members voted in favor of the motion

V. Next Meeting

20 March 2018

4:15 pm Oquirrh Library

Janice Johnson will email the minutes for approval by council

Edgar Harwood will create the agenda for the next meeting and email to Kathy Clay to post on the website