

Oquirrh Elementary School Community Council – November 16, 2017 Meeting Minutes

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Present: Shanna Anderson, Jill Burton, Stephanie Grange, Kira Hansen, Edgar Harwood, Lalyta Harwood, Jen Jensen, Janice Johnson, Heidi Kemp, Jessica Morgan, Aurora Nava, Mandy Thurman, Laura Tovey, Lori Wiley, Katie Zaragoza. Devan Prince.

Absent: Jimmy Anderson and Michael Jensen

Next meeting: January 23, 2018 at 4:15 pm in Oquirrh Library

I. Call to Order

Mandy Thurman called the meeting to order.

Members introduced themselves.

II. Reporting

- Financial Report - nothing to report

III. New Business

- Review and approve minutes from September 16, 2017.

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

Kira Hansen seconded the motion.

All council members voted in favor of the motion.

- Pedestrian Bridge

Construction updates-Transportation is strained. They offered charter at increased cost. The construction company is working harder to finish the bridge. Kira suggested having the adult helping when we do the big walk to school kick off needs a little more training then the help at the beginning of school. They will need to have more knowledge about route since they will be at bus stop and be the guide to school that first day. We still don't have a date if it opens earlier. Right now, it is scheduled to open the first day back from winter break. Devan Prince asked why students from the apartments still need to go out to 7000 South. He said there are breaks in the buildings. Janice advised that there is a canal between the apartments and homes. Right now, there is no access across the canal. Devan said they should put a simple bridge up so kids can cross. Janice advised that the homes where students could reach the canal on the east side of the canal are zoned R3. It is a townhome zoning. They put in single family homes but because of the zoning the homes are closer together. In order to provide access, the city would have to set up easement through personal property that is already narrow in access between homes. It would take the city condemning easement and providing access. Parents should contact the city with those concerns. Janice advised that when the walking route starts, Cindy Jacobson from the city will be at the corner of 7000 South and Jordan Landing Blvd to direct students back into the neighborhood for the first week. There is also no sidewalk on the north of 7000 South between Jordan Village Road and Gold Medal Drive where the students will cross 7000 South. Mandy advised council that the school is trying to put green and purple dots on the sidewalk to mark the safe route. Weather is a slight issue at this time of year.

- Drop Off/Pick Up

Mandy explained that concerns were brought up on Halloween. Devan Prince says it's not just Halloween. Parents are impatient. Parents blow through the through lane and almost hit the 6th grade safety patrol. On Halloween, a parent almost hit them and had to skid to a stop. Another parent almost hit kids in the

crosswalk not five minutes later. He spoke with Lance Everill from the district and he spoke with Detective Leary about our problems. Devan wants the school to block off the through lane during pickup and drop off times for student safety. Mandy advised that she is moving the 1st grade team to the parking lot side of the crosswalk. Shanna said there is not enough adults who are enforcing the rules. The teachers are more timid. We need 5 more of Ron Kelly on patrol to help parents follow the rules. Mandy will check the duty roster and make sure they are fulfilling their spots. She will also talk to the staff about moving Ron's position to the most dangerous area of drop off by the crosswalk. Parents flip off the staff. The school has no enforcement arm. Stephanie says if we block off the lane, it will back up even further down the road on Paddington. Devan asked is it better to have kids safe or slower traffic. Stephanie said we could try to offer a ticket violation. Every parent would get a ticket to be on school property. If they break the rules, the ticket would be taken and they wouldn't be allowed to use the school parking lot. Shanna asked about grandparents who pickup. Logistically, there would be no real way to enforce it as well. Kira says we need to keep the conversation open. We should always consider safety. Janice reiterated what Lance Everill told the council at the last meeting- we cannot make it safe. We can only pick the safest possible options available. There is no way to make it completely safe. Heidi says as a council we could put on vests and help teachers enforce rules. If volunteers wear vests, they would be official from school and may help parents remember to be safer on school property. Principal will check the duty roster and make sure they are fulfilling their spots. Devan says the school needs to have more no parking signs on Paddington Road with red no parking between the 2 circles on Paddington where crosswalk is. Janice advised that we need to contact the city. She did have a report in the office about how faded the red curb is on the west side of the road by the crosswalk. Mandy advised the council that she can put recommendations in the SNAP plan for what we need the city to do. Ideally, there should be no parking during school hour signs but we would need the city to implement it. Mandy will add it to the recommendation section of the SNAP plan that is submitted to the city. Shanna is not okay with parking lot being closed off. Lalyta agreed that we need to have more volunteers that are not staff. Stephanie said she read a study where people with an official vest on have more authority in these type of situations. Janice suggested that the problem might be more about a few repeat offenders. Mandy speaks with them directly. When we have cars that consistently do dangerous things, the school identifies them as quickly as possible and Mandy speaks with them directly. We also have cameras that do show the both lanes of traffic. Shanna asked about recourse with the police. We need to find a way to punish repeat offenders. We have reported to Detective Leary who is based at Joel P. Jensen Middle school. Devan says he spoke with him for 2 hours, and he cannot issue citations unless he is actually present. Mandy will talk with and clarify with the Detective Leary what he can do with any reports or camera footage that we have. Devan feels strongly that the school should put up cones and completely block off the through lane at pickup and drop off times. He wants single lane restrictions. Shanna is concerned that with no options parents would be more unsafe while waiting for slower cars in front of them. She suggested that we put up cones for drop off that would prevent using the through lane until after you have pulled up next to the school. It would prevent cars from zipping through the lane too fast but still allow cars to pull out if the car in front of them is taking longer to drop off students. Devan said we should put cones until the crosswalk for safety. Janice advised that is was more than half of the drop off. Mandy agreed that the cones put up similar to what they do at the end of day would be worth trying to prevent high speeds in the through lane and see how that affects safety and traffic. Edgar suggested we motion to continue speaking about the issue and try these measures to start with.

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Stephanie Grange motioned to ask the school to have more teachers on duty and encourage them to be tougher on rule enforcement.

Kira Hansen seconded the motion.

All council members voted in favor of the motion.

Stephanie Grange motioned to have the school use cones at the top the off the through lane and require parents to pull close to the curb when they reach the school sidewalk during drop off.

Shanna Anderson seconded the motion.

All council members voted in favor of the motion.

Edgar Harwood motioned to have the request for no parking sign and re-painting of red curb on Paddington Road on the SNAP recommendations to the city.

Shanna Anderson seconded the motion.

All council members voted in favor of the motion.

● Fundraiser

Stephanie Grange said we should fundraise for when we have a need. Her concern is that when we do have a project that there won't be enough funds. She wants send a survey to see what parents would be willing to sell for a fundraiser. Butter braids only raised \$2300 profit. She can help with a fundraiser but would need help. We can't do chocolates since PTA does it. Janice advised of PTA money problems. This year the PTA has over 40 boxes of chocolates outstanding-chocolate that was taken but no money returned yet. It is a majority of PTA's profit at around \$4,000. If not returned, PTA will not have enough funds to cover field trips and their other programs. Devan Prince says he fundraises for sports. He says butter braids needs at least 2 years to get excitement going to raise money. He also said we have a problem with product before funds. He never does that because of what the PTA is currently experiencing. He said another problem we have is we are blanket fundraising for the whole school. All students are selling the same. We could increase profits by breaking up fundraising dates and products between grades like K-2 do one at one time and 3-6 do at another time with a different product. Kira Hansen agreed that it would increase profits. However, we don't have the manpower of volunteers to be able to implement that type of fundraising. Jen Jensen said there are schools who do a direct donation but they are not Title I. Janice discourages fundraising without a purpose. Our demographic makes it hard to sell and parents are overwhelmed. Janice advised council that the fundraising reps often talk to her. She had one company called that would set up a sticker machine and even provide a sticker that was school themed. It could raise a little bit all year. She would be happy to reach out the company to get the details and profit ration for the next meeting in January. Stephanie said she would still like a survey to see what parents would be willing to do as well. Kira advised waiting until spring to survey parents to increase participation and give time between the PTA fundraiser and any lingering negative feelings.

Stephanie Grange motioned to have a fundraiser survey in March or February sent home to parents.

Shanna Anderson seconded the motion.

All council members voted in favor of the motion.

Janice Johnson motioned to investigate the sticker machine company and find out profit ration and logistics to inform council of it as an option for the SCC yearly fundraiser.

Stephanie Grange seconded the motion.

All council members voted in favor of the motion.

IV. Motion to Adjourn

Shanna Anderson motioned to adjourn the meeting
Stephanie Grange seconded the motion
All council members voted in favor of the motion

V. Next Meeting

23 January 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
Mandy Thurman will send nomination forms home with students at the start of school.