

Community Council September 19, 2017

Members Present: Rachel Hunter, Ronna Hoffman, Amy Adams, Jeanette Gudgelle, Megan Myers, Chelsie Reed, Sheri Thompson

1. Wellness Policy – Amy Adams looked up policy to understand it. It includes physical fitness, nutrition, and local school oversight. We have breakfast offered, lunch for all the kids. Amy is in lunchroom every day and there are lots of aides that are in and out of the lunchroom. We have them sit and eat and give them enough time to go outside to play. 1st grade has been much faster in eating this year than in previous years. If there are 2nd graders still eating then 2nd grade moves to the middle so 1st grade has a spot. The kids get recess every day – at least 30 minutes a day with lunch and other recess. Some teachers give incentives in class for extra time outside. We have Stephanie Adams for our new PE teacher. She is a licensed teacher. She is focusing on teaching games that they can play at recess, such as four square, hopscotch, tetherball, etc. Mr. Rush is outside to help them start these games. Riverside has ordered a cart with hula hoops, jump ropes, balls, etc. for the kids to play with. We are hoping to help kids get active and get along with each other. Ms. Adams will also prepare for the kids for events similar to Presidential Fitness – but we will not have the Presidential Fitness Testing program this year.

There will also be a walking field trip for the emergency preparedness to the LDS church around the corner on Sept. 22.

2. Land Trust Plan – Ronna likes to keep the plan a little more open so if we receive more money we can have more variety in what we do. Right now most of the money is going to assistants. She would like to support the Arts if we have extra money. Mrs Fox and Ms. McDougal have a tile art project for the wall they would like to do. Three and half teachers are paid this year with our funds. We would have a much higher kids/teacher ratio without the extra funds. With the dual immersion we cannot have only 3 teachers per grade – that would leave the non-duel immersion class too large. Most of our Title 1 funds goes to personnel.
3. Title 1 – Riverside will have their annual Title 1 parent meeting. Before Oct. 15 Riverside will present the Title 1 plan. Ronna and Amy will be calling some of us to attend the parent meeting. The meeting is Oct. 12 from 9:00 – 12:00.
 - Parents are informed of what is going on at the school. Data notebooks should come monthly so we can see our child progress and how we can help support them. The data notebooks are more customized so parents can understand more of what their kids are working on and doing well or struggling with. The notebooks are progression showing the skills they have accumulated and the skills they are working toward.
 - We have family events, family center, literacy math night (possibly), the school website has all our information, and tools to send home, “Home Connections” info, flyers in English/Spanish, the districts family center resources, and we try to get the info home as best as we can English and Spanish.
 - Parent-School compact – what students agree to do, parents agree to do, and educators agree to do for the students to be successful.
4. Digital Citizenship – The NetSmartz people are coming to present to our students in October. Our computer teachers talk to the students about what to do if something inappropriate shows up on the computer.

5. Lunchroom – Megan Myers was wondering if the kids had to work in the lunchroom or could they opt out. Many kids like working in the lunch room, but they do miss recess for a week and for some that is discouraging. Ronna likes to have them work in the lunchroom because it gives them free meals for the week, a break for families and is good for the students to help out at school.
6. Family picnic is Thursday, but it is supposed to rain. It is still going to happen, but it will be in held in the school. The kids will teach the parents the games. The teachers have been working with the kids on shaking hands and introducing friends to others. PTA needs a lot of people to sign up for the games that will be going on at the APTT and currently has very minimal volunteers.
7. Lisa Mitchell would like the Port-a-Potty moved from the front of the school. Ronna is going to talk to the women in charge about some other options.
8. We need a teacher on the community council. We need 2 more parents than employees. Lisa Mitchell wasn't sure if we could put an invite in the newsletter because it was a PTA newsletter. Community Council helps with LandTrust and only those that are members can vote. We can set up a table at the door for the pizza activity to advertise SCC.