

# **Southland SCC Meeting Minutes**

Southland Elementary School

November 20, 2025

**Community Members Present:** Nate Elkins, Amber Elkins, Patti Harrison, Lauren Rasmussen,

**School Members:** Garrett York, Elizabeth Felt, Lacey Butterfield, Melissa Hoyt

## Council Business

C. Approve 10/30/25 Minutes

- Unanimous vote for approval

## Principal Report

A. Land Trust Update

- The largest brunt of the budget is going towards salaries and bigger one-time purchases.
- We have 78.09% of the budget remaining with 74% of the school year remaining.
- We have more money, but things are getting more expensive

B. Safe Routes Discussion

- We want more adequate camera coverage in the crosswalk area between the skybridge and the north passage of school
- Parking at Southland is horrible...we are not sure what the best
- High schoolers are leaving items under the skybridge and students are reporting it to Garrett.
- Patti reported that trees were obscuring the school crossing flashing lights. The city complied and was able to remove the branches out of the way.
- Water pools up by the South crosswalk and work has been done on it during fall break. We are waiting for the weather to develop to see if it has improved.

- Melissa brought up concerns about the congestion in the Kindergarten pick up area. It was suggested that we request parents to wait in a different area. It was also mentioned that the crosswalk areas be painted to keep areas out of those areas during busy times.
- C. PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports Discussion)
  - Things we are doing to help with this include: Sabertooth Spotlight, Positive Calls home from administration, etc.
- D. Digital Citizenship Discussion
- E. General Business
  - a. Firearm Safety
    - 3 times during elementary school (Grades 1, 3, & 5)
    - Garrett's plan is to use the McGruff the Dog video on firearm safety
    - Kids need to understand the danger
  - b. BTSALP (Beverly Taylor Sorenson Arts in Learning Program)
    - We need this program. It gives students time in the arts and gives teachers planning and collaboration time.
    - Schools are now given a flat amount of money to pay for the BTSALP program versus paying for part of a FTE teacher.
    - Parents need to spread their opinions on the benefits of this program to help keep it going.
  - c. Climate Surveys
    - Garrett will not share the comments on individual teachers with SCC Members
    - The number of parents who have taken the survey is good compared to other district schools.

Meeting Adjournment