

Southland SCC Meeting Minutes

January 23, 2020 5:30pm

Southland Elementary Media Center

Council Members

Community Members

- ✓ Chair - Angela Greer (Parent)
- Vice Chair - Beth Kunz (Parent)
- Secretary - Sarah Elliott (Parent)
- ✓ Treasurer - Bryant Curtis (Parent)
- ✓ PTO - Vanessa Burton (Parent)
- Adrian Russell (Parent)
- ✓ Brenda Bingham (Parent)
- Danie Natter (Parent)
- ✓ Nicki Sawaya (Parent)

School Members

- Principal - Lisa Jackson
- ✓ Vice Principal - Allyson Stovall
- ✓ Lisa Nielsen (Teacher)
- ✓ Lacey Butterfield (Parent/Teacher)

Non-Voting Attendees

- School Board - Matthew Young
- ✓ Amber James (Parent)

Voting Requirements

- Majority of quorum present (7 of 13)
- 2 more parents than school staff

Council Business

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Approval of Minutes - November 21, 2019

2.1 Motioned by Vanessa Burton, seconded by Lacey Butterfield, approved by all.

2.2 Question brought up about amendment that was passed previously to allow board members to approve minutes online. It will be looked into for the fu

3 Principal Report & School Update

4 PTO Updates

4.1 Programs going well.

4.2 Discussion of 6th grade graduation events.

4.3 Possible purchase of bottle filling water stations at school and location suggestions, especially near portable entrances.

5 SNAP PLAN

5.1 Signed by board members between meetings. Identical to precious year's plan, including a request for a crossing guard at Dry Creek Road south of the school based on council member's gathering of data pertaining to the number of kids crossing the street and limited view for turning cars.

6 Trust Land Funds

6.1 Current year budget progress (2019-2020)

6.1.1 Beginning Balance: \$103,886.12

6.1.2 Spent to Date: \$34,115.40

- It was noted that payroll for aides and teachers had not yet been paid for December and January – encumbered amount should bring us up to half spent as we are halfway thru the school year

6.1.3 Amount Remaining: \$68,886.12

6.1.4 Annual disbursement slated to be scheduled for:

- Reading Assistants
- Music Teacher
- Computer Teacher
- Technology is being looked at for a purchase with excess funding

6.2 Next year budget planning (2020-2021)

6.2.1 Data Gateway School report card reviewed. Areas mentioned as low that could possibly use trustland funding:

6.2.1.1 Science (2 year drop)

- Questions were raised by school representatives about how school compared to other Mandarin Chinese DLI schools since science was switched 2 years ago to the Mandarin class only.
- The FOSS Science program was suggested as a possible science program resource for improving understanding
- The previous science testing, supported by PTO, was suggested as a possible way to help improve scores

6.2.1.2 Lowest 25% not showing matched growth

- Questions were raised about is being done to help those struggling with issues such as dyslexia

6.2.2 Reading Program – a new program is being implemented next year [95%?]

6.2.2.1 Program has shown great success in piloted schools.

6.2.2.2 Dyad Reading (called TEAM READ in our school) is being used now by volunteers; more volunteers to service more students would be appreciated.

6.2.3 The Principal and faculty will review information and present to the council at the next meeting with what they feel will provide the best benefit to the students of the school

7 Open to comments

7.1 Question about council's role for Digital Safety

7.1.1 [Follow up answer – Ms. Colbert \(aide funded by SCC trustland funds\) covers it in lab with Common Sense Media](#)

7.1.2 Suggested that it be addressed midyear and info given to parents.

7.2 Question was raised about homework and if teachers could be specific about which homework is most important when there is too much ie...Reflex Math, Mandarin Matrix, Reading, Worksheets,

Lexia and others. It was brought up for parents to reach out to teacher and for teachers to be open about what is most important for students.

7.3 DLI parents requested that some sort of cultural performance still be part of the curriculum for the DLI students citing that it was an opportunity to learn about cultural aspects of the Mandarin speaking countries. School representatives noted how much time it took away from learning to do a performance at the Chinese New Year celebration but suggested that focusing on an end of year program, after testing was complete, might be a great use of end of year class time. DLI parents agreed this was a good idea.

7.4 A parent mentioned that a grant has been provided for schools to test all culinary water sources for lead and that the free testing might be a good idea.

7.4.2 [Follow up answer – the district has already started the process for Southland to have all culinary water sources tested. It was noted that previous tests were fine, this is just a precautionary action.](#)

7.4.3 Parents suggested that any water fountains found needing to be replaced should have the water bottle filling attachments.

8 Calendar and Meeting Schedule

9 Meeting adjourned

9.1 Motioned by Brenda Bingham, seconded by Bryant Curtis,

Future Meeting Dates

~~• September 26, 2019~~

~~• January 23, 2020~~

• May 28, 2020 (if needed)

~~• November 21, 2019~~

• March 26, 2020