

SCC MEETING NOTES 9.12.19



12 September 2019 | 3:45 PM

Conference Room at Golden Fields

COUNCIL MEMBER ATTENDEES- Alissa Udy, Colleen Warren, Ben Peacock, Lyla Slade, Adam Willis, Nick Hansen, Alexis Jordan, and Haley Fox.

EXCUSED ABSENCE- Chelsie Draney

WELCOME- Alissa Udy

NEW MEMBERS- Alissa Udy

- Term ended for our licensed employee members: Tammy Campbell, Kyle Hansen, Stephanie Murray, & Tammy Schaetz. We thank them for their service the past 2 years. Welcome to new licensed employee members: Haley Fox (5th grade teacher), Nick Hansen (Principal), & Alexis Jordan (4th grade teacher)
- Welcome PTA Rep/Parent: Lyla Slade
- Emily Junium resigned as a parent member due to moving out of our school boundaries.
- Elect Chair and Vice-Chair: Invitation for any council members to volunteer for these positions was extended. Alissa Udy was nominated by Colleen Warren and seconded by Principal Hansen. Colleen Warren was nominated by Alissa Udy and seconded by Principal Hansen. All council members in attendance were in agreement on these nominations.
- Chelsie Draney was nominated by Alissa Udy and seconded by Adam Willis. All council members were in agreement on this nomination.
- Principal Hansen suggested that we hold the number of parents on the council to a maximum of 7 with licensed employees maxed out at 5. We haven't had many parents express any interest in being involved in the SCC. Council members agreed. Rule was added to our orders and procedures.

SCC RESPONSIBILITIES- Alissa Udy

- Viewed suggested SCC Timeline from the district. Council agreed to follow this timeline holding meetings quarterly.
- School Safety. It was proposed by the chair to postpone discussion on this topic until our next meeting (majority approved). The Chair invited Colleen Warren, also serving as the PTA Health and Safety Commissioner, was invited to discuss possible ways the SCC can help with her plans.
- Digital Citizenship. The council is still hoping that Common Sense Media training and implementation is going forward. It was proposed by the chair to postpone discussion on this topic until our next meeting (majority approved). Haley Fox was to discuss the progress of the program after consulting further with Common Sense Committee Member at Golden Fields, Jen Alder.
- SCC's Rules of Order and Procedure were briefly reviewed. These "simplified parliamentary procedures" are the same as the previous year. PDF file of rules and procedures can be found on the school's website for further review.
- SCC training from the district will be Tuesday, October 29th from 6-8 PM at Granite District Office Building. This meeting is optional.
- All members invited to visit schoollandtrust.org for more information about SCC, if desired.

SCHOOL LAND TRUST- Nick Hansen

- School Land Trust Plan was updated by Principal Nick Hansen to be more specific with student learning goals. "Students will increase SAGE scores by 4%..."
- Currently the majority (roughly 95%) of this funding is going to compensate classroom aides and interventions (i.e. P.E., Art, Music, STEM, Computer courses). A small portion (roughly 5%) is for professional development trainings or paying for substitutes for teachers who are gaining professional training.
- Council discussed other possible uses for the funds... teaching supplies, computers, etc. Ultimately, this is the only funding that can be used to

pay for “people”. The council was in agreement to continue spending these funds in this manner as it benefits students and teachers and is the “best bang for our buck”.

- TSSA (Teacher and Student Success Act) is a new law passed recently in Utah. These funds are to be used for “academic achievement in literacy, science and math”. Three categories for required money distribution: 1) COACHING: teacher development; 2) PROFESSIONAL LEARNING: teacher endorsements and conferences, teacher stipends for “extra work”, etc.; 3) SCHOOL-BASED INITIATIVES: school programs to reach goals.
- Suggested ideas on ways to spend the funding in all categories:
 - A) COACHING: The Jordan School District is looking to start a program to train teachers. Principal Hansen mentioned a program where cameras were purchased and used to record teachers while in the classroom. Video feedback was used to help teachers improve their teaching habits and style and make other classroom observations.
 - B) PROFESSIONAL LEARNING: Principal Hansen is going to get more feedback from the teaching faculty of how these funds would best be spent. This was encouraged by the SCC.
 - C) SCHOOL-BASED INITIATIVES: STEM program, called ROZZY, is already in place due to a \$1500 grant issued to Golden Fields from an anonymous donor via Live Daybreak. Alissa Udy voiced her support of a literacy program (like Battle of the Books) or an after-school tutoring program because of the needs she could see in her own family. Ben Peacock reminded the council that it’s our duty to see the needs of the entire student body- not just in our own families.
- Funding is given year by year.
- Success will be measured by SAGE testing scores.
- Principal Nick Hansen appreciated the feedback from SCC and will address the faculty soon.
- Plan submission due date is September 30, 2019. Plans can be amended, if needed. We will revisit the TSSA plan in November.

FUNDRAISER FOLLOW-UP- Alissa Udy

- After Color Run overhead expenses were paid, our school account has \$2834.81 and our Foundation account has \$2907.66. For a total of \$5742.47.
- Money earned was intended for teachers to build classroom libraries. However, we wouldn't want to deplete all our earnings and with 37 classrooms, it would only give each teacher roughly \$100 to spend on books. Council contemplated what to do without a conclusion.
- For the amount of work that goes into this event, the Council, as a whole, was discouraged with the low amount of money we are earning. A council member questioned, "Is a fundraiser like this worth our time?" Council was inconclusive. The following points were discussed:
 - Color Run fundraiser successes:
 - A) Having traditions at our school creates a spirit of unity and strengthens our school community.
 - B) Promotes health.
 - C) Kids, in general, love it!
 - D) It's not door-to-door selling of "junk" or unwanted items.
- Areas where Color Run fundraiser could improve:
 - A) The registration and collection of money process is a nightmare! We are currently limited by the district on how we can collect funds. They only allow us to use e-funds. Alissa Udy will research to see if e-funds has a vendor that can register (take names and shirt sizes as well as optional upsales) AND take a payment in the same transaction. It's vital to keep electronic payment and registration an option.
 - B) Get better, stronger sponsorships and plan for those well ahead of fundraiser time. Sponsorships was an afterthought last year and didn't get the attention and time it needed to be successful. Alissa Udy admitted that this was "not in her wheelhouse of skills and talents" and it would be best to have someone else head this up several months before the fundraiser is to take place.
 - C) End-of-year timing is not ideal. Consensus: If we hold it any earlier, we run into problems with weather. Any later in May and people have even less interest in raising money or participating in school events.

D) Negative feedback from various parents last year voiced to Alissa Udy via social media posts or in person: 1) the timing (end of school year) is bad because of so many other conflicts (sports commitments, dance/theatre/music recitals, graduations, etc.) 2) Parents don't like the mess of a color run. 3) Parents don't see value in strengthening school community through paid activities. 4) No FOMO (Fear of Missing Out)... Parents and students were not overly excited for the activity.

- Colleen Warren suggested maybe sending out a survey to parents to get a better pulse on SCC fundraising views and ask for suggestions on how to make it better.
- Colleen also suggested possibly combining efforts with the PTA and having one fundraiser a year where the PTA and the SCC work together on one huge event. Lyla thought the majority of school community would miss having two events, but was open to further discussion.
- Lyla suggested considering a less labor-intensive fundraiser, like a clothing drive. Herriman High Drill Team did a clothing drive and made \$10,000+.
- In lieu of time, Alissa Udy motioned to cut the discussion short and end the meeting. Second from Nick Hansen. Ultimately, we need to decide if we should continue with the Color Run Fundraiser, try something else, or discontinue having an SCC fundraiser all together? Council members will be prepared to discuss further at our next meeting.

SCC MEETING SCHEDULE FOR THE YEAR- Alissa Udy

- An e-mail from a Golden Fields parent was sent into the SCC suggesting that meeting times be moved to the evening hours to help parents who work be able to attend more easily. Discussion commenced among members of moving the meeting times to later. Alissa, Colleen, Lyla, and Adam mentioned conflicts of working, other service related meetings, and kids' activity commitments- all held in the evenings. Licensed employees wouldn't like the 2+ hour gap between school and meeting times. Ben pointed out that several parent council members leave work early or hire babysitters in order to attend SCC meetings- so we should request that

other parents make similar arrangements. Adam also mentioned that a very small percentage of parents have expressed interest in attending meetings. As an alternative to attending SCC meetings, we welcome any feedback or suggestions via e-mail to the SCC Chair (Alissa Udy) or School Principal (Nick Hansen). SCC agendas are posted on the school's website prior to the meeting and meeting notes are also posted on the school's website for the public to review. A vote was taken and it was unanimous to keep meeting times at 3:45 PM.

- SCC Meetings for the year will be held at 3:45 PM in the Conference Room at Golden Fields Elementary School:
 - Thursday, November 14, 2019
 - Thursday, January 9, 2020
 - Thursday, March 5, 2020
 - **Additional meetings may be added in the Spring to facilitate planning for a fundraiser.