

North Elementary Community Council Agenda

March 15, 2017

- I. Welcome
- II. Review of Trust Land Expenditures – School Year to Date
- III. Discussion of Trust Land Budget for 2017-2018
 - A. Suggestions
 1. Take Home Librarian \$5,500.00
 2. Kindergarten Literacy Aides \$5,500.00
 3. BTS \$4,000.00
 4. Math Intervention Aide/Coordinator \$3,400.00 (7 hours)
 5. Science/Art Integration \$3,400.00 (7 hours)
 6. After School Club Teacher Stipends \$10,000 (10 clubs)
 7. After School Club Supplies \$10,000
 8. I-pad Mini Lab \$8,220 (30)
 9. Chromebook Lab \$5,550 (30)
 10. Office Equipment \$2,000 (Laminator, Hole Punch...)

Estimated Total \$57,570
- IV. Close Meeting

North Community Council Meeting Minutes

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Attendees: Ray Whittier, Chelsea, Gina Bellamy, Janene, Jay, Nina Strother, Charlotte Severe (administrative intern)

Time: 3:07 pm

Ray Whittier welcomes members and explains that the purpose of this meeting is to write a tentative budget for 2017-2018.

The legislature changed the funding formula that increases the amount of money received by the schools. This year, the amount increased 30%.

Members review 2016-2017 budget to understand where money was spent. The remaining funds were supposed to be spent on technology, but was not. Would like to spend this money on technology for 2nd grade. This would consist of one I-pad lab and one Chromebook cart. In addition, new I-pads may need to be purchased for teachers to enable them to be more mobile and support the STEM school designation.

Introduce suggestions for 2017-2018 budget. Some suggested items were used last year. Members discussed the importance of retaining these items in the budget. Members would like to consider increasing the number of kindergarten literacy aides.

Discussion on Beverly Taylor Sorenson (BTS). The theater teacher will be moving out of state. Ray Whittier describes what this position involves. A possible alternative would be a teacher assistant; however, it may be difficult for a teacher assistant to fulfill the duties of the current teacher. The committee members would like to continue theater next year.

A math intervention aide was hired this year with focus school funds. This has been beneficial for 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade this year. The aide coordinates SUU volunteers in the classroom. This is a position that would be advantageous to keep.

The current science/art integration teacher will also be leaving North Elementary. This position needs to be filled for next year.

Ray Whittier explains the benefit of having after school clubs and would like to offer a stipend to teachers. Committee members that are teachers think that these clubs would be especially beneficial for the lower grades. In addition, they believe that

teachers would be interested in participating. Some suggestions for clubs would be tutoring, reading, and choir. Currently the budget reflects 10 clubs, but this can be adjusted. The clubs could also be held before school.

The Chromebook cart and Mini I-pad lab may not need to be included on the 2017-2018 budget. However, teachers are concerned that another cart and/or lab may be necessary with four 2nd grade classes projected for the 2017-2018 school year. It is suggested that this be evaluated again at a later date.

The office is in need of a new laminator and an electric three-hole punch. The current laminator is old and will need to be replaced.

Ray Whittier asks the committee for suggestions. Nina would like to look into renovating the take home library.

Currently North Elementary is a Title I school; however, it is possible that the school will not be a Title I school in the future. The amount of Title money being received for 2017-2018 school year has decreased and will affect the number of aides. Next year, focus school money will be able to pay for the additional aides. It may be necessary to plan for these aides in the Trust Land budget for 2018-2019. Janene suggested that if the focus school money cannot be spent on technology, that the money be used for more aides. Then use the data to show growth and improvement from additional literacy aides to the district.

Ray Whittier asks members regarding the proposed amounts. The members agree with the budget for the take home library aide.

Jay suggests money be used for a part time employee to write grants. The trust land funds must be used for student achievement. Writing grants may not meet the requirements. PTA or the partnership with SUU may be able to support this type of position. Jay also asked about a school garden. Ray explained that a school garden is being planned at this time and will be funded by grants. Members asked if there were other items that would be needed in the new building. Nina inquired about literacy or community nights. Ray said that these activities are usually funded by Title I. Janene suggested student incentives. 10% of the Trust Land budget may be used for incentives or behavior management. Adding incentives to the budget would free up the PTA budget.

Ray would also like to add \$8,000 to the budget for the STEM integration for teachers in July/August. This would be a one-time cost. The members agree to add 4 more hours for teacher assistants. The kindergarten literacy aides item can be removed from the suggestions. The item for after school supplies will actually be for STEM supplies. The district would like the schools to purchase technology cabinets

which may be able to be purchased by the PTA. The members think it may be best to wait until the new school opens to determine what items are needed. The committee can reconvene later to adjust the budget.

The committee agrees that teacher aides need to be budget for. Teacher trainings and travel may also need to be considered in the budget. Jay suggested that trainers be invited to the school to train staff. In addition, money can be used to invite artists, authors, scientists, and other community members to the school. Virtual field trips, a VR lab, field trips and flexible seating may also be beneficial to add to the budget. Ray Whittier will determine carry over with the district and review the PTA budget, then send out a new budget to the community members. This budget needs to be improved by April 1, 2017. Ray asks members to reply all to the email.

Adjourned: 4:08 pm