

Canyon Crest Community Council Meeting

January 12, 2016

Present: Patricia Clark, Alison Parker, Shaun Yellowhorse, Marci LeMonnier, Megan Westbrook Erica Mildenhall, Stephenie Larsen, Adele Youd, Dr. Darren Johnson

Minutes: Minutes of the December 8, 2015 meeting were read. Marci LeMonnier motioned that we approve the minutes as amended. Stephenie Larsen seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Business:

Professional Development-The meeting began with Erica Mildenhall reporting on the result of the faculty survey on the type of professional development the teachers would like to receive. The teachers would like more help in establishing Writers Workshop. Teachers want additional support in differentiation and enrichment. They feel a need to receive additional support in science with both ideas and materials. Shaun has heard about a program where teachers write a scope and sequence for a writing curriculum. Some teachers expressed interest in learning more about dyslexia. Several requested that the presenter be a teacher who has experience in the classroom. In other words, TEACHERS TEACH TEACHERS! We need to ask the teachers what they want to learn and then ask the teachers with expertise to present.

Provo District is also concerned about professional development for its teachers. During the previous two school years, the teachers were taught about Learning Targets and the benefit of using them to help students to learn. This year the focus has been on offering feedback to students and formative assessment.

Going back to the list Erica compiled, there seems to be a need for improvement with discipline school wide and along with that, mentoring new teachers.

The suggestion was made that buying science equipment be placed on the School Trust Lands priority list.

For Professional Development, the idea of Friday Forums was born. The idea is that once a month on a Friday afternoon, the faculty will join together to hear a teacher in the school share their expertise on a specific subject. The members of the community council who are not faculty members volunteered to bring treats to these forums. The first presenter will be Kayleen Nelson and her subject will be getting parent volunteers into the classroom.

Dr. Johnson mentioned that Megan Westbrook was receiving one of the Provo Way Awards at the School Board meeting Tuesday night. We're proud of Megan.

Marci LeMonnier moved that the meeting be adjourned. Alison Parker seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Next meeting will be on February 9, 2016