

Meeting Minutes (collected and prepared by Ryan Higgins) 9-28-2016

Voting Members in attendance (all present for meeting)

Ryan Higgins - Parent with children in 2nd, 3rd, and 6th grades

Aimee Allen - Parent with child in 4th grade

Hiedi Blackwelder - Parent with children in 1st and 3rd grades

Tom Freeman - Principal

Carlie Christensen - Faculty 2nd Grade English side of Chinese emersion program

Caitlyn Andrus - Faculty 1st Grade

Others in attendance:

Sara Hacken - Running for Alpine District School Board - Timp. and Orem High Clusters

William Schumacher - Partnership facilitator

Kevin Cox - HR administrator for Alpine School District

Meeting began at 3:40. The meeting was held in the Aspen media center.

Mr. Cox presented pamphlets and videos in support of the proposed \$385M bond on the ballot in Nov.

Some discussion involved the impact to Aspen. New security features, likely rearranging the office to change the flow of entering the school through the office.

The School Improvement Plan was presented by Mr. Freeman. After discussion of the plan format limitations, Mr. Freeman read the prior year SCC notes/proposal to the group.

Each of the 4 main topics were discussed individually: STAR reading program, Double-Dose/FLEX/Extended Day, Take-home reading, and professional development.

STAR – New coordinator, Ms. Matau, is now available full-time. She has worked with Mr. Freeman in the past. STAR reading coordinator will present to the SCC in the Oct meeting and regularly based on her feedback.

Extended day – To prevent confusion with other programs, and remove any existing bias, Mr. Freeman recommended the program be referred to as “Extended Day” although in previous notes and the plan it was referred to as Double-dose or Flex.

Discussion about some adjustments Mr. Freeman had made to the implementation were warmly received by the group.

Mr. Freeman will determine who will present information on this program. In Oct, the SCC will hear about the program. Some concern was expressed that the program may take some time to get going, and the attendance had fluctuated.

Take-Home Reading program – Discussion around this program being a service to the parents and a benefit to the students that supports teachers in ensuring students always have an appropriately leveled book to read.

Discussion about how to measure the program’s success. Although no decisions were made, consensus was reached that the funding of the program could be decreased, without a negative effect to the program, if the burden of reporting student progress was limited. We discussed that Mrs. Sandgren

would come to the Oct meeting to present an overview of the program and discuss any reporting and funding concerns.

SCC Business

Future SCC meetings will be held at 4:00

Council size requires an additional parent member to comply with council expectations.

Mr. Higgins to draft email to petition for new members of the SCC. Elections to be held during the SEPs in 2 weeks, if there are more parent volunteers than the council needs.

Mr. Higgins to propose dates for the remaining meeting schedule.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm.