

East Meadows SCC Minutes

September 21, 2016

Start time- 11:30 am

Members of School Community Council who were in attendance: Principal Celeste Gledhill, Jamie Pintar, Alison Bennett, Nichol Lyman, Aly Dart, Jill Perrins, Wendi Barton, Amy Baird, Matt Seeley, and Angie Gorrell.

Parents: LaDawna Cherepovich

1. **Welcome/Opening Statement**
2. **Introductions:** Each member of the School Community Council introduced themselves.
3. **Election of Chair and Co-Chair**
 - Jill Perrins nominated Aly Dart for SCC Chair
 - Wendi Barton second Aly Dart for SCC Chair
 - Aly Dart nominated Wendi Barton for SCC Co-chair
 - Jill Perrins second Wendi Barton for SCC CO-chair
4. **SCC Guidelines**
 - Principal Celeste Gledhill discussed what Trustlands money can be spent on and what cannot. (Refer to handout on additional page)
 - Principal Gledhill also discussed a new responsibility for SCC members called "Safe Technology and Digital Citizenship" (Refer to handout on additional page)
5. **Gifted**
 - *As part of the "gifted" initiative we are starting an advanced learning math class in grades 3-6.*
 - *We have many programs in place that offer support for those students that have learning difficulties, but this math class is occurring in an effort to provide learning opportunities for students on the higher end of the spectrum.*

- *We are part of five schools in our district that will be adding this option to our regular school day. Several schools in our district piloted this program last year.*
- *It is important to understand that there are no nation-wide or even state-wide standards for identifying gifted students. However, the definition of gifted education as given by the US Department of Education is as follows: "Children and youth with outstanding talent who perform or show the potential for performing at remarkably high levels of accomplishment when compared with others of their age, experience, or environment."*
- US Department of Education, 1993
- We have identified three measures to help us identify students that may be successful in this program. These three measures are SAGE scores, COGAT scores (a test that helps measure how students think and analyze information), and teacher recommendation. For a student to be placed in this advanced learning math class, they must qualify in at least two of the three measures listed previously.
- There is one teacher on each grade level that will be teaching this group. Mrs. Aguero will be teaching the third grade group, Ms. Lambert will be teaching the fourth grade group, Mrs. C. Andersen will be teaching the fifth grade group, and Ms. Hammari will be teaching the sixth grade group. These teachers have attended district trainings and are collaborating with teachers that are teaching similar classes in other schools in the district.
- Parents will be notified via letter stating which class their student will be in.

6. School Start time Discussion

- LaDawna Cherepovich (parent) stated that she was concerned about our school's start and end times. She feels that because our school gets out within minutes of the junior high that it creates a problem for parents to

pick up kids from both schools. She asked if start and end times could be altered.

- As a SCC we voted on whether or not we should adjust time, not adjust time, or seek for further information.
- The voting results were: 5 members voted that we keep the same times, and one person voted that we seek further clarification.
- Matt Seeley motioned to keep start and end times as is
- Aly Dart second the motion.

7. Questions, Comments, Concerns

- Matt Seeley stated that he was excited to see how the math gifted program will impact student performance in the future.

8. Closing Statement

Meeting ended 12:25 pm

November 16, 2016

Start time- 11:30 am

Members of School Community Council who were in attendance: Principal Celeste Gledhill, Jamie Pintar, Alison Bennett, Nichol Lyman, Aly Dart, Jill Perrins, Wendi Barton, Amy Baird, Matt Seeley, & Angie Gorrell.

~Welcome/Opening Statement

~SCC Guidelines and Handbooks:

- Jamie Pintar handed out 2016-2017 SCC Handbooks to all members and did a quick review of the guidelines. All members have

already received SCC training on a district level during the month of October.

~School Assessment Data:

- As a council we looked at our school's and districts data. We looked at SAGE results and compared the results from the last three years since we have started using SAGE.
- Students in grade 3 will take Writing, Language Arts, and Math
- Students in grades 4-6 will take Writing, Language Arts, Math, and Science
- In 2015 the Writing test was added to SAGE.
- According to the State and District Data, East Meadows is holding their own in all areas of SAGE
- East Meadows faculty is currently being trained in CMI math. They are on their second year of a two-year training.
- East Meadows has always excelled in Science according to the data.
- Students need to score at least a "3" on a 4 point scale in order to be considered proficient.
- According to the School Grading system, East Meadows scored a "B" grade. They have kept the same grade for the last two years. The School Grading System looks at progress.
- The school data can be found on the website: datagateway.schools.utah.gov

- Teachers are required to submit a Student Learning Outcome (SLO) each year. This goal is to demonstrate growth and progress.
- Teachers are also required to submit a Professional Growth Plan (PGP) each year. This is a plan on an area of teaching that each individual teacher wants to improve on.
- Last year, 69% of our students made one year's growth on our DIBELS assessment. Our district feels that anything over 40% is considered successful.
- Language Arts/Math is our greatest need for continued intervention.
- An intervention technician has been hired to help in classrooms so teacher can teach intervention to students in need.

~School Board Presentation in December

- Aly Dart will work with Principal Gledhill on what needs to be addressed to the school board. 6th grade will also demonstrate what they have learned from the GAINS program (Growing Arts in Nebo Schools)

~Questions, Comments, or Concerns

- Angie Gorrell asked what the SAGE writing test looks like and how are the students prepared for it.
- Principal Gledhill asked each member to start thinking about our School Improvement Plan
- Amy Baird asked if our district is funding technology or are grants from UEN?

- Nebo Foundation will match funds with matching money.
- Wendi Barton asked about the "Leader in Me" program. She had heard that it was extremely pricey but there are grants that are given through VIVENT.
- Wendi Barton also asked if the district is giving funding based on assessment data.
- Amy Baird asked if any parents were concerned or upset about how their students placed for the Gifted program.
- Jamie Pintar and Principal Gledhill will follow up with Ryan Kay, Principal at Park School, about the "Leader in Me" program.

~Closing Statement

- Wendi Barton motioned to adjourn the meeting. Jill Perrins second the motion.

Meeting ended at 12:35

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December 14, 2016

Start time- 11:30 am

Members of School Community Council who were in attendance: Principal Celeste Gledhill, Jamie Pintar, Alison Bennett, Nichol Lyman, Aly Dart, Jill Perrins, Wendi Barton, Amy Baird, Matt Seeley, and Angie Gorrell.

1. Welcome/Opening Statement

2. School Board Presentation in December:

- Aly Dart will represent our school/SCC. She will talk about our Reading Improvement Plan and how we use DIBELS and Nebo Benchmarking to assess the students. She will talk about our leveled math and how students are grouped by their math ability in their grades. Teachers use ongoing assessments to make sure students are learning what they need to be. Aly Dart will also tell the school board what the SCC has been working on. (i.e. Recess before Lunch study, Homework study, Using Trustlands money to pay for intervention technicians, and safety at school) Aly will talk about how East Meadows is using the Trustlands money. The majority of money is being spent on technology and technicians salaries. The main goal of SCC is to provide a place where parents and teachers can collaborate together.
- 6th grade teacher, Nichol Lyman will address the board and tell them how 6th grade has implemented GAINS into their curriculum. She will tell them how 6th grade uses dance and music as they teach about ancient

Egypt. They have also added dance and music into their science classes.

3. Filtering-

- Nebo School District uses a program called "Content Keeper". This filtering system creates logs and reports of every student, employee, and guest.
- "Netsmart" is a program funded by the governor of Utah. This is a program that teaches students how to access the internet safely.

4. Trustlands Plan

- Our current Trustlands plan has the following four goals:
 - Goal #1- Professional Learning Communities
 - Goal #2- Technology(Equipment, software)
 - Goal #3- Language Arts (Books, leveled library, Americorp, Star Tutoring, Intervention Techs)
 - Goal#4- Fine Arts- No money is coming from Trustlands. Grant Money is being used for Fine Arts. Appox. \$2000/year.

**Celeste asked each SCC member to think about what is our greatest academic need at our school?

**Trustlands money has to be used on reading and math. Our school has been participating in CMI (Cognitive Math Instruction). Our teachers meet at least 16 times during the year for two years and take classes to help us understand how to teach using CMI. We also participate in a lesson study that allows teachers to watch different teachers teach a lesson based on the area of study from CMI. During the instruction, the school district has been funding this so teachers can get subs and study/learn. Should our school put Trustlands money toward the lesson study costs in the future?

5. School Drop off and Pick up Safety

- School Drop off and pick up is still a major concern among the council, parents, and faculty members. Matt Seeley volunteered to take our concerns to a group of BYU students to see if they can help problem solve this concern. He will report back in January.

6. Questions, Comments, Concerns

NO questions, comments, or concerns

7. Closing Statement- Jill Perrins motioned to end meeting, Aly Dart seconded motion.

**Meeting ended at 12:35 pm