

Ensign School Community Council Meeting
December 19, 2017
7:30 a.m.
Ensign School Conference Room 120

DECEMBER MINUTES

Attendance: Dani Phifer (School Administrative Assistant) Amy Picklesimer (SIC rep), Linda Scholl(Parent), Molly Sprague (SIC), Lee Lesburg(Parent), Katherine Kennedy (SLC School Board), George Robison(Parent, President), Susannah Seare (Parent), Melissa Riley (Parent), Amy Fehlberg (PTA), Juliette White (Parent) Eric Jergensen (Parent).

1. Welcome:
2. Approval of Meeting Minutes:
3. Principal's Report:
 - a. Communication:
 - i. School Messenger will be used after the break to weekly update parents. Message will be sent after school hours (6 – 8 pm) so as to not alarm parents.
 - ii. E-mail messages can be sent, but not all parents have provided accurate or current email account information.
 - iii. PTA will stop Eagle Notes
 - iv. Ensign has new LCD TVs that the school will begin using to post school information
 - b. Salt Lake School District Direction:
 - i. Wants SCC to use Land Trust monies for personnel. This is from the SLC School District.
 - ii. Ensign SCC members discussed this direction:
 1. Eric Jergensen requested Katherine Kennedy who is a member of the Salt Lake City School Board if this is correct since they cannot statutorily dictate how the SCC utilized these funds.
4. SIP Report: SIP will now be EEP. Education Excellence Plan
 - a. We have always been changing the plan because it looks backward. Now we will write EEP in August for the next school year.
5. Committee Discussions:
 - a. PTA: To recognize Ensign's testing results, it was proposed to have a rewards luncheon. Luncheon after school on a Friday. Date TBD.

- b. Emergency Preparedness;
 - i. There is a very thorough plan contained in the boxes in RM 102
 - ii. Ensign is a take in center during a Natural Disaster (SAFE Neighborhood)
 - iii. Questions regarding Disaster during school hours:
 - 1. School has very detailed plans. Students run drills each month. Teachers know how to respond and have practiced.
 - iv. Lee Lesberg – will meet with Avenues Council who coordinated with Salt Lake City on SAFE Neighborhood.
 - 1. Suggestion it might be helpful to place information regarding boxes & emergency plan on front doors of school.
- c. STEM Night/Science Fair January 16 & 17:
 - i. District Form has been sent home with students
 - ii. PTA has purchased the boards and will distribute to the teachers
 - iii. Need to remind students because it will be day after holiday break
 - iv. 2 Community Presentors – 1) University Geology Department, 2) Isotope Tracking.
 - v. Starts at 6. Set up should be done by 6 pm. Presentations are from 6 – 6:30 pm. 6:30 pm – 7 pm will be students practicing their presentations.
 - vi. Still need help with Judging & Set up. Speak with Shirley Sharp (Teacher).

6. Other Business:

- a. Communication/Power School:
 - i. Katherine Kennedy urged Ensign and its parent groups to have parents begin using Powerschool. It is used much more for grades in Middle & High Schools. Added benefit is for communication from the schools to parents.
 - ii. Powerschool training is available to all schools. Katherine Kennedy can request training if Ensign is interested.
 - iii. Danny Phifer sends out letters directing parents how to use Powerschool each year.
- b. Gallery Stroll Fund Raising Approval Request:
 - i. PTA submitted request for Gallery Stroll
 - 1. Uses for funds:
 - a. Giving Tree, Maturation Program, Teacher Appreciation, Chior – Para-pro
 - 2. Motion to approve by Linda Scholl, Seconded by Juliette White. Approved in favor.

7. Adjourn

Next Meeting: January 16, 2017
7:30 a.m.

STEM FAIR/STEM NIGHT

STEM WORKSHOPS

- Shirley Sharp (C&A 3-4 has been running 2x week 1hr long after school workshops with help from high school students

TIMELINE & PARENT/STUDENT/TEACHER contract sent out

- Note went home with all students in grades 4-6 regarding STEM Information. Included was a contract stating teacher/parent/student were aware of STEM activities & timeline
- Timeline is set out - Ms. Sharp was looking to get it approved by SIC

Teacher/class involvement:

- Required: Picklesimer, Lowry, Romney
- Not Required: Panameno (They will enter a whole class project), Stratford, Hamilton (Strongly encouraged but not required.)
- Asking regarding lower grade participation

Specifics on the STEM Fair & STEM Night are being worked on currently.

- Boards: Ms. Sharp was able to get some (30?) boards donated by the district and PTA has agreed to help purchase the rest the students will need.
 - once we have project number we can confirm the # to order
 - will look for spreadsheet Laura Martins (previous organizer of the science Fair) set up for project organization
- Judges/Volunteers:
 - will send out requests - parents/community members/college students/professors
 - will locate a judging rubric: science & engineering forms
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- Advertisement/communication ideas
 - Web page: update Ensign web page. include timeline, copies of all sent home materials, web addresses for STEM info
 - Eagles Notes
 - School communication - handouts home
 - posters/flyers in hallway/on doors
- Location/Reservations
 - Auditorium: request set up tables at least by Tuesday January 16th after school & reserve until Wednesday 17th after school
 - Library Tues Jan 16 evening