

Highland Elementary School
Minutes of the School Community Council Meeting
Thursday, October 17, 2013

Present: Reed Hodson, Amber Gardiner, Brittney Bills, Jaime Ward, Rachel Hoffman, Rachel Sollis, Michelle Ririe, Denise Neish, Pam Wilson, Marilyn Moore

Call to Order: Amber called the meeting to order at 3:45 p.m.

Public Comment:

Cell phone/electronic device use during school hours: Sara McGill

Concerned about cell phone use during school hours, especially recess. Her daughter came across two kids using their cell phones and went home and Googled what she saw, which was pornographic.

Sara would like to recommend that the council adopts the same policy the junior high has which is no cell phone use period during school hours, even during lunch. The phone is always taken away if the rule is abused. The first time the student can pick it up after school. The second time the parent has to come with them. The third time the parent and student both have to meet with the principal.

The council is all agree to adopt this policy. There is an assembly on Monday where this new policy can be announced. We can give them a few days of warning and after that the junior high policy will be adhered to and phones/electronic devices will be confiscated when used during school hours.

Parking issues in the back of the school: Pam Wilson

City says no crosswalks, etc. can be done until there is curb and gutter. Amber says it's basically in the hand of the neighborhood and the city. The neighborhood needs to band together and petition to get curb/gutter. It's the city's responsibility because nobody else can do anything until the road is finished.

Approve Bylaws:

No objections. Brittany motions to accept them, Denise seconds. Everyone approves.

School Update: Mr. Hodson

Discussion of test results. Alpine School District has the most growth out of any district in the state. A lot can be contributed to the focus on the four essential questions and professional improvement days.

The iPad cart is getting more popular. There are 7-8 teachers that are using it more and more. Third grade has been using it a lot.

What about giving parents access to Go Math online? Logins are supposed to be coming home soon. Hopefully by Halloween?

2013/14 SCC Goals: Amber Gardiner

What does everyone think our focus should be for the rest of the year?

Science should definitely be a focus. Mrs. Moore would love to see more Foss kits and other science materials.

Amber would like to ask each grade level team to come up with some concrete ideas on how we can help them with science. Fourth grade in particular needs to improve.

Meeting Ended at 4:45 p.m.