

Highland Elementary School
Minutes of the School Community Council Meeting
Thursday, November 14, 2013

Present: Reed Hodson, Amber Gardiner, Brittney Bills, Jaime Ward, Rachel Hoffman, Denise Neish, Pam Wilson, Marilyn Moore, Rochelle Pinnock

Call to Order: Amber called the meeting to order at 3:50 p.m.

Public Comment: none

DCC Follow-Up: Amber

- Electronics at school
 - Going okay; no negative response yet, but some positives
 - In class is more of a grey area where it's left up to the teacher
- Class Size
 - Mr. Hodson got one ADT that can be used to reduce class sizes
 - Encouraging to know how closely class size is being monitored
- Science Labs
 - Schools are spending a lot of money to get supplies
 - Some schools are talking about having a "science room" instead where teachers could go for science labs and all the equipment and supplies would be there
 - Is it a good idea to have something similar, whether it's a whole room or a cart, that teachers could check out and have the supplies to use for labs?
 - The District Media Center has a lot of kits that teachers are allowed to check out and use (also open on some Saturdays now)
 - Different grade levels have some supplies that are shared between the teachers
- Woods Grant
 - People were excited about this to be able to get \$\$ for science stuff, etc.
- November 20 is Classified Day

Lunch Tangent:

There have been concerns over food running out by the time 6th graders get to lunch. They're trying to stagger putting items out that they know will run out.

School Report: Mr. Hodson

- iPad cart
 - Getting used more and more
 - The schedule for the cart is full most of the time
 - Used for RAZ kids, math, etc.
- SAGE (testing)
 - Fluid process, but as of now, but for grades 3-6 they've added a writing component to the spring test.
 - They'll be using a plug-in keyboard with the iPads to take the SAGE tests.

- David Smith said a bunch of times they have extra money and the squeaky wheels will get it.
- Amber on the new testing: In the past we've done the CRT basic question and answer with multiple choice. The SAGE testing is different. As one example, they're given a passage that's a little tough to read and then given 5 descriptive words that they have to decide which one is best to describe the passage. Then they had to find a sentence to support their answer and then another sentence.
- During the SAGE testing, everyone will have the option to have headphones where the test is read to them.

Meeting Ended at 4:35 p.m.