

Cedar Ridge Community Council

Meeting Minutes

January 23, 2012

- 1) Welcome
- 2) Roll Call: Attending: Jeremy Brunner, Mary Candland, Debbie Reiber, Janae Shepherd, Amber Bonner, Courtney Rasband, Janet Wynn, Mandy Whitaker, Gloria Pritchett, Shauna Davis.
- 3) Discussion:
 - a) Emergency Drill Feedback: The drill went very smoothly, and children were routed to their emergency classroom fairly quickly. A few points were brought up: We should purchase water bottles right away. Additional school food supplies may be needed. School wide supplies should take into account alternate items for children with allergies. Teacher feedback from the drill:
 - i) Place teacher names by their color/letter signs
 - ii) Call the different groups to switch more quickly. SCC feels this is not necessary...
 - iii) Give more time for teachers to get to know the kids assigned to their group.
 - iv) Update lists regularly to account for new move ins and move outs
 - v) Clarify food bags- what are they for, what should be in them, etc.
 - b) Math Survey- No information. We will table this discussion until our next meeting.
 - c) DIBELS testing is no longer required. We have allocated money for aides to administer this test. Discussion about how to re-allocate the funds (approx \$9K)- would we like to expand the aide services at the school and provide other services, or purchase supplies/technology.
 - d) Discussion about fund allocation. Ideas include: Expanding STAR reading- which does not currently service 3rd grade; Aide time for struggling Kindergarten students (K students do not use the STAR program); allocate resources to provide more leveled reading books for classroom use. SCC members feel that early intervention would be extremely helpful for our struggling Kindergarten students, but would also like to service our 3rd graders. Decision made to allocate the funds as follows: Provide 30 minutes per day per class of aide time for the Kindergarten classes, then allocate remaining funds to increase number of students serviced by STAR reading aides- spaces will be allocated to 1st through 3rd grades- number of students TBD by after teacher input is collected on number of spaces needed per grade.
 - e) Discussion about technology purchases. Last year we purchased 6 iPads for school usage. They are being used in the resource and speech classes. SCC members would like information about how they are being used, and if this is an effective place for them to be utilized.

- f) Discussion about the upcoming changes to the state core. We would like to have someone come and present an outline of the changes to the SCC so we can be familiar with the process.
- g) Ideas for next year's funds:
 - i) Expanding the independent reading library- it would be good to have more book bags for usage in individual classrooms.
 - ii) Guided reading non-fiction books- with the upcoming core changes, we will need many more non-fiction titles
 - iii) Technology- we need two more ELMOs and projectors.
 - iv) Funding other needs that will arise due to the new core changes.
- 4) Assignments:
 - a) Courtney Rasband- follow up with KJ Williams about math surveys.
 - b) Mr. Brunner- compile information about iPad usage. Find someone to present to us about new core changes.
- 5) Close
- 6) Next Meeting: March 12, 2012 at 3:40 pm