

October 11, 2017

Salem Junior High School Community Council Minutes

In attendance: Rebecca Devenport, Wendy Kimber, Shelley Hendrickson, Melanie Paxton, Dawn Craner, David Knudsen, Terry Krieger-James, Cameo Johnson, Lorraine Rupper, and Scot Moldenhauer.

Excused: Amy Garrick and Kevin Mecham

Welcome (Rebecca)

Superintendent Council Meeting report (Dave and Rebecca)

The bond includes plans for three new middle schools and to rebuild our three oldest high schools. If the bond passes, by 2026 all schools will be built. The middle school in Salem will be the first school to be built. On the district website, there is a two-minute video explaining the bond and a survey for what to build with about ten million in bond money. The council discussed building auditoriums for the junior high schools. This would save time for custodians to set up/take down chairs, the fine arts departments could use the space for concerts, and the space could possibly generate revenue from rentals. Plan A is the bond, and Plan B is portables.

SCC Concerns (Rebecca)

The PTO is concerned about the safety of the four-way stop near the school. They feel it is unsafe when students are being picked up before school and being dropped off after school. The PTO would like the SCC chair and vice chair to support them as they go to the city council to ask for help with the four-way stop near the school. They plan on at least asking for a crossing guard. Shelley reported that the city has looked at the safety of the four-way stop before. Dave will bring up this matter to the district, and SCC chair and vice chair will support the PTO at the city council meeting.

Review Trustlands Final Report (Dave)

The majority of the money (about \$70,000) went to pay for salaries and benefits for interns, technicians, and an instructional coach. The interns allowed us to lower class sizes. Money was also spent to provide technology (a little over \$4,500) and for professional development (about \$1300).

Discuss Safe-Use Internet/NetSmartz (Dave)

Dave briefly talked about safe-use internet/NetSmartz. We will discuss it at greater length as we move closer to the November assembly.

Review School Improvement Plan:

Goal #2

We have ten or eleven teacher websites linked to the school website. KJ will send out an email reminding teachers that Neely McEwan can link their teacher website to the school website. We have many more teachers who have digital content

available through Canvas. KJ needs to update this goal and delete Mastery Connect and Netbook labs (she will get Cameo's notes from last year). Dave is working on measurements for this goal. There will be a survey.

Goal #3

Our measurement for goal three is class size reduction. Dave explained how hiring interns reduces class size. He also explained how paying teachers extended day reduces class sizes (although funds for extended day come from salary and not Trustlands). Trustlands paid for science and history special education technicians. Wendy asked if we could look at paying for technicians in regular education classes. This idea was discussed last year in SCC meetings.