

## SCC Meeting Minutes for May 16, 2019

### In attendance:

- Paul Wickelson, Greg Proffit, Crystal Black, Sarah Hadley, Mark Jones, Michelle McCardell, Sarah Wentworth, Peggy Lowe, Anne Harges, Katharine Dalton, Jamie Spencer, ???

### PTA Report:

- Member positions are mostly filled for next school year.
- Art night was a success and will continue next year. Reflections will be the first event in the fall.
- Funds for PTA are looking good.
- PTA will be at registration and back to school night selling shirts and giving information. They will also share information about SCC.

### ELP Report:

- Last open house for ELP will be held in May 20. These will be families who have been accepted into ELP, and placed at Whittier. They will come and tour, sit in classrooms, etc.
- The ELP fundraiser is set for the first three weeks of school. ELP purchases curriculum with the funds, so they spend it as close to the start of the school year as possible.
- Science and Technology night will be on November 19. There are several teachers and parents interested. This will be a whole school family engagement night, similar to art night and literacy night, coordinated by ELP steering committee.

### Principal's Report:

- Budget Update
  - Salt Lake School Board has approved funding for a full time counselor at each school.
  - They also increased the pay for instructional para professionals. Because the SCC funds 3 para pros, this is an impact to the budget. We are rolling over enough from this year to next to cover the increase in pay.
  - There was a question on if PE para pros are also eligible for the pay increase. Unknown at this time.
- Title 1: Family Engagement and School Compact
  - Of 26 Title 1 schools in Salt Lake District, Whittier is # 26. Title 1 identification is a result of counts for free and reduced lunch, as well as other factors. Magnet ELP does change the dynamic a little but.
  - The school uses Title 1 funding to fund full day Kindergarten and provide support to neighborhood classrooms.
  - There has been a reduction in federal funds, but the school is still committed to three full day kinder classrooms.

- There are approximately 10% of kids in the school who are homeless, so Title 1 funding is very important.
- There will be a family engagement meeting in the fall, in line with Title 1 requirements.
- Review: Policy 1-11, Religion in the Schools
  - Policy from the district was reviewed.
  - Main idea is to educate about religion, but do not celebrate or advocate for a specific religion.
  - The principal is required to provide a report about any religion complaints to SCC. There have been none for the past school year.
  - Teacher accommodations are made for religious practices (like fasting for ramadan) if needed. This is usually handled between the teacher and the student/family.

#### SIC Report:

- There was no new business from SIC

#### SCC Discussion Items:

- 3 Tiered Start Time and Busing
  - The transportation department in the district is reviewing standardized start times. This would have all elementaries starting at the same two or three blocks, all middle schools at another time, and all high schools at another time.
  - This would not be enacted until Fall 2020 or later.
  - Five questions were asked of the SCC: Why is the current schedule beneficial? What are the benefits of starting later? What are the concerns about starting later? What are the benefits of starting earlier? What are the concerns of starting earlier?
  - Concerns were raised about the ELP program sharing busses. Standard start times could mean too early arrival, or late arrival in the mornings. It could also result in kids waiting for a long time after school. This is currently a problem on Fridays when kids at Whittier are last to be picked up by the ELP bus.
  - Discussion was had about later start times being detrimental for working families. There may be a need for “before school” care, as staff felt kids would continue to show up before 730 (which is the current time the doors open).
  - Discussion was have about earlier start time being difficult for kids who get themselves to school. There are many students who are alone in the mornings, and who are consistently late. These students would not be served by an earlier start time.
  - Between the two choices, earlier start time is preferred over later start time. However, the current schedule start time is ideal for the population and the neighborhood.
- Outdoor Advertising
  - The policy for outdoor advertising should be reviewed. This was attached to the email with the agenda.

- There were some questions about advertising material which has been sent home with students. The policy actually covers advertising on the side of the school, fence, etc.
- Dr. P shared discussion is happening with playworks to determine if advertising makes sense for the school.
- There was some concern regarding too many programs/partners being advertised (Playworks, YEF, Ballet West, Etc).
- The school is working within the district guidelines and with the community partners to determine the right approach.

Adjourn:

Next SCC meeting is September 19.