

MIDVALLEY SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

NOVEMBER 2020 MINUTES

Date: December 10, 2020 (Originally scheduled for November 19, rescheduled due to illness)

Time: 3:30

Meeting via Zoom

Council Members Present: Tamra Baker (Principal), Stephanie Williams, Becca Staker, Kemi Sutton, Kara Shea

Boundary change – Canyons School District will change some school boundaries in order to accommodate new developments in district schools. Their timeline involves a website for families to view options, followed by open houses and focus groups for feedback. These will take place in spring at the earliest. Midvalley is likely to add a neighborhood to the south of our current boundary that is east of State Street, but currently feeds into Copperview Elem. The district has been overestimating our school's capacity and needs to adjust their options slightly. Our current enrollment is 450, but we'll be adding classes in 4th and 5th grades the next 2 years as DLI students progress. The building's capacity is around 675.

School data – School data is looking great for in-person students; some online learners are doing great, but a lot are struggling. Attendance is a problem for both groups – students with any symptoms of illness now stay home, or daycares that are closed for quarantine lead to older siblings staying home from school to care for young siblings, or families are in crisis from illness or employment challenges. Not sure when this will improve.

Digital Citizenship and School Safety – the PTA just ran a great White Ribbon Week. The SCC reviewed the safe walking route plan digitally last month, and there are no changes that anyone is aware of; some SCC members will need to stop by the main office sometime next week to sign it.

Trimester transitions – went smoothly. 30 students came back to in-person learning and very few left in-person to switch to online. The staff did tours for the new in-person students to help them learn routines about the new school, and the students and families have adapted very well.

Land Trust Summary – Tamra read us the summary paragraph that will be posted on the school website. It states how much money has been allocated and that we spent it on reading interventions and technology. The council unanimously approved the summary.

Parking lot – Kemi brought up the difficulties at pick up and drop off in the parking lot. She has seen many parents not following the traffic patterns and procedures. Tamra said that even though they have staff out there every day, there are parents that ignore their directions. Kemi suggested and Tamra agreed that we should do a parking lot refresher campaign in January to make sure that parents know the procedures and get them to buy in on keeping kids safe.

Next meeting January 21, 2021