

Bryant Middle School Community Council Minutes

Meeting Date: February 22, 2019 @ 7:00 AM in the Bryant Library

Meeting attended by: Larry Madden (principal), Bill Long on behalf of Andrea Butterfield (counselor), Robert Guido (counselor), Janet Barnette (parent), Merisa Johnson (parent), Phillip Baker (parent), Julie Lewis (parent), Caryn Willardsen (community member), Mathew Smith (assistant principal), Delia Leon Prado (translator), and Katherine Kennedy (SLCSD Board).

Meeting conducted by: Janet Barnette, Larry Madden, and Mathew Smith

1. Welcome and review of meeting norms and school goals.
 - a. Request by Janet Barnette to modify agenda order - accepted
2. Review and approval of January SCC Minutes as presented- motion to approve by Robert; second by Phillip - all in favor.
3. Safe Child Access Routing Plan Update - Bryant's safe route to school plan has been updated with the changes discussed in January. A link can be found on our school webpage.
4. SCC Chair and Principal meeting update - Larry and Janet attended meeting on February 12, 2019 and provided SCC with an update of the information shared.
 - a. Janet and Larry briefly shared how our SCC functions with attendees in the SCC Spotlight.
 - b. Kristina Kendall presented on school fees, what school fees are, who is eligible for fee waivers, and how schools must be accountable for fees. Changes are the result of a statewide audit that identified discrepancies at some schools.
 - i. Bryant is in compliance and will not need to make changes to fee schedules.
 - ii. Briefly voiced at SCC was concern over how fee waivers will be funded - are schools required to fund waivers from budgets or will the State provide new monies? This is still unclear.
 - c. Yándary Chatwin provided an administrative update about bills that could have an impact on our schools.
 - i. Janet shared a one-page document summarize SLCSD priorities which includes at risk students, mental health, school safety, and the inland port.
 - ii. Janet provided a brief update on HB262(?) regarding a land dispute in Millcreek involving Nibley Park (Katherine Kennedy indicated this was resolved); SB144 about environmental air quality; SB149 which replaces the School Improvement Plan with the Teacher and Student Success Act and places much of the responsibility for SIPs on principals, not community members; and HB303 which expands what schools can spend Landtrust monies on to include 'health and safety.'

- iii. As noted by Katherine Kennedy, bills can change quickly with amendments and are being watched closely.
 - d. An overview of EEP and Smart Goals was presented.
- 5. Janet announced that Bryant SCC members will be asked to complete the Annual SCC Survey. This survey has not yet been distributed to Larry Madden but will be forwarded soon.
- 6. Janet provided confirmation that a letter of support from the Bryant SCC requesting additional funding for paraprofessionals in the SLCS D was composed by Janet and sent on behalf of the Bryant in January.
- 7. Larry provided an update on the Bryant Middle School name change. Currently the proposal is to retain Bryant's identity, while reflecting the SLCSE merger. Suggested is: Salt Lake Center for Science Education Bryant (SLCSE Bryant). Larry shared a one-page survey that could be distributed to parents at upcoming SEP conferences, posted online, and shared with Neighborhood Community Councils. The SCC provided comments for minor changes.
- 8. Excellence and Equity Plan 2019 - 2020 - Mathew Smith briefly reviewed our EEP goals (achievement gap, engagement, and attendance) for this year as a lead in to our LANDTrust discussion.
- 9. LANDTrust 2019-2020 - Mathew Smith lead a discussion summarizing the results of a recent teacher survey. Teachers responded anonymously to seven questions in an effort to solicit feedback about how well our current programs are working and to generate ideas for next year.
 - a. Mathew Smith passed around a comment sheet for SCC parents to write down ideas and questions during our discussion.
 - b. Teachers were asked specific questions about the academic bus that the LANDTrust had funded this year; the number and frequency at which students were staying after school for help; thoughts about offering a MathLab to support students with gaps in knowledge; what kinds of professional development opportunities would be most appreciated; and general ideas about how to spend LANDTrust funds for next year.
 - c. Survey results represented diverse opinions and ideas from teachers, but some common themes were: the need to better advertise the academic bus; the need for MathLab and professional development focusing on teaming and trauma informed teaching. Some teachers expressed neutral opinions or noted that they didn't know. Other comments during our discussion:
 - i. Janet asked about defined T/TH faculty office hours and whether could this better support students and the academic bus.
 - ii. Comment from Mathew that the academic bus was serving enough students to meet the minimum requirement but that actual numbers beyond the threshold were not available.

- iii. With newly instigated food pantry, administrators have noticed more students staying after school for pantry assistance.
 - d. Mathew Smith requested that additional ideas from parents be shared with him. At our upcoming March meeting, with additional synthesis from faculty, our suggested LANDTrust plan will be represented and finalized.
- 10. Staffing update from Larry Madden - Bryant is expected to grow next year with the SLCSE merger. At this time, more open enrollment forms have been received than last year. Because FTE estimates are averaged over about 3 years, the current FTE estimate is lower than what we think is needed. With our expected growth in student number, Mr. Madden will argue in support of additional FTEs for Bryant in our transition years so that the STEM model can be effectively implemented.
- 11. Administration Update and Upcoming Events:
 - a. Parent Teacher Conferences March 5th @ Bryant 4:00 - 7:30PM and March 7th @ Jackson 4:30 - 7:30 PM.
- 12. Meeting adjourned @ 8:10 AM