

Jordan Hills Elementary School Community Council Meeting

February 7, 2024 6pm

Committee Attendees:

Staff: Jill Firkins, Kristen Neilsen, Baylee Lansford

Board Member: Niki George

Parents: Jenni Shelton, Pamela Bailey-Good, Rachel Kaufman, Heidi Hansen, Rachel Hale

Review and Vote on the Meeting Minutes of the meetings for November 15, 2023 and December 5, 2023.

A vote on the meeting minutes was approved, with no one opposed.

Welcome and Introductions:

First meeting with new Principal Baylee Lansford.

Introduction with Principal Lansford. Throughout her educational career she has been involved solely with Jordan School District for 17 years.

Principal Lansford's door is always open meaning no need to hesitate to ask or talk to her about anything.

Around the table introductions with parents, teachers and our board member.

Update on the Land Trust:

K-6 testing goals to stay the same or increase by the end of the year with Acadience Testing Goals to be achieved by using tech and Wit and Wisdom programs.

Reading Plus may be phased out freeing up some of the Land Trust money

Reflex, Alex, and Math Money after teacher conference. (teacher meeting not parent teacher conferences)

RAZ Kidz (Reading A-Z) program teachers want to keep for K-3.

Land Trust money to be diverted from Reading Plus to Walk to Read program, with a focus on K-3 students, with additional focus on critical thinking for all students.

Due to desired changes for Land Trust a mini meeting will be needed to address these specific goals, and vote on these changes at the mini meeting.

No Vote taken on Land Trust for meeting on February 7, 2024. Mini Meeting set up for March 6, 2024 at 6p to discuss Land Trust Goals/Changes.

Pam brought up the Digital Citizenship which is paid for through the Land Trust money, this was voted on, and agreed to by the committee on November 15, 2023. At that point it was not yet purchased only discussed and the amount of \$600 dollars (a \$200 dollar increase from the year before) was agreed upon.

Internet safety was discussed along with digital citizenship.

Internet and Safety Week is being conducted by the PTA the week of March 11, 2024.

Although all the goals/changes of the Land Trust are not finalized, some that are being included in the updated goals are

- Extending the walk to read teacher hours from 17-20 per week
- Keep progress monitoring

For the school year of 2024-2025 the kindergarten will change from having two half day classes to having two full day classes, and one half day morning class.

TSSA (Teacher Student Support Act) Updates:

TSSA coaching fund provides engagement, instruction and helpful guidance for the specials teachers.

No vote needed for TSSA

Safe Walking Route:

Due to the new housing development a new walking route will be needed for any new students that will be attending JHE.

Rachel Hale volunteered to watch Pinecrossing Street, and only was one kid (with a parent) cross not on a crosswalk, seeming to lean to that a crosswalk will not be needed at the east end of the new development.

However due to not knowing the amount of kids that are going to be attending JHE or even how many kids will be living in the new homes, a new walking route may be premature, and will need to be revisited up the known traffic loads, and what the congestion will be at the entrances/exits to the school visitor and staff parking lot as well as the new neighborhood entrance/exit.

At the point of the known congestion WPJD, as well as the development engineers, will need to be involved in the update to our safe walking routes, and any kind of placement of new school zone slowing signs, or additional crosswalks, etc.

Lance will coordinate with the developers and traffic engineers regarding the onslaught of the new traffic expectations.

Pickup/DropOff:

Rainbow/ Semi-Circle pickup/dropoff in front of the school is still an issue with the parents/guardians.

PTA is working on this as part of safety week and has volunteers ensuring that the parents are not stopping where they would like, and moving to end of the circle before they stop.

As of the update of these notes on April 1, 2024 the problem seems to have changed from the parents stopping wherever they would like to their kids running right next to the car.

Update on the School Play:

Kristen Neilsen and Liz Bernell conducted the auditions and during auditions excused themselves from selecting the student to be in or out of the play, allowing themselves to be completely impartial from the casting of the play.

The play selected was Finding Nemo Jr due to the theme for the school for 2023-2024 being Under the Sea.

The play practices are underway. The play is on Thurs, April 18th at 7pm and Fri, April 19th at 7pm and one during school for the students on April 19th during a morning assembly.

Parent Teacher Conference Dinners:

SCC will pay for the one day of PTC dinners for the teachers and staff.

One day for the first PTC and one day for the second PTC dinners. This was agreed to in the September 27, 2023 meeting.

Character Building Curriculum:

The students at the school are swearing and using inappropriate verbiage and hurtful words with their classmates. Because of these types of words some students are staying home from school because the hurtful things they are hearing from their “friends.”

We are currently doing the Golden Gate School/Bridge building program. This program helps kids learn to smile at each other, but then takes a further step and says to “always play with everyone” and no one should be forced to play with someone that they do not want to play/hang out with.

Our counselors can add other programs that take the next steps in showing kids how to develop good characteristics, and not become bullies but to be good people to each other.

The committee was posed with the question of whether to have the counselors attend our next meeting and discuss these other programs. All committee members were agreeable to meeting the counselors, however a vote was not taken on this specific request.

For the Land Trust Goals/Changes a Mini Meeting date time was arranged of March 6, 2024 at 6p.

The meeting was adjourned. All members were in agreement. No one opposed.