

Fillmore Middle School

Community Council – January 8, 2025

Attendees include:

Jeremy Teeples
Jody Lawhorn
Autumn Barney
Amy Despain

Kari Shields
Kathy Kesler
JD Stevens

Meeting minutes from last month's meeting were handed out to look over.

Motion made to begin meeting at 3:08 Jeremy Teeples.

Autumn Barney made a motion to approve minutes from the last meeting seconded by Kari Shields.

Time was turned over to Liza Staples for a few minutes. Some programs she has been utilizing and would like to implement more of include:

- Common sense.org – What is AI – Real or Fake?
- Chat GTP
- More media / technology in library
- Mock podcast corner

They would be doing these activities / lessons with classes approximately once a month.

Time turned over to Isaac Wallin for a few minutes. Our district has partnered with the University of Utah to help identify kids who need extra support. Parents who opted their students in were sent a survey. Survey results:

- Identified high / medium risk.
- Will let us know who to refer to therapy, small groups, or an adult mentor
- Which students need these resources, and which one is the best for the individual.
- Ideally the percentage of students needing referrals should be under 10%

Qualified students have the option of skipping a year of math in high school if they test out.
We will be adding a class period of art and digital citizenship

Proposed items: Amount allocated to FMS - \$78,878.09

- Art Specialist – (finished bachelor's degree) - Proposal includes an increase of \$10,000 from last year (From \$30,000 to \$40,000) Art helps with brain growth and benefits other subjects as well.
- Sub-Incentive – Proposal remains at \$2500 – same as last year - paid as \$60 per 5 days subbed.
- Faculty Meetings Proposal remained the same at \$10,500 to pay teachers for attending non-contracted monthly meetings. (50x10x21)
- Staff Meetings Proposal remained the same at \$1500 to pay staff for attending non-contracted monthly meetings. (25x5x12)

- Professional Development Proposal remains the same at \$4000 to offer the most professional, up-to-date curriculum to our instructors. (20x200) (Different teachers encounter different opportunities depending on the year.)
- Digital citizenship stipend of \$3000 to compensate our librarian for time spent outside of contract and for prepping and delivering planned lessons.
- Software – Proposal includes multi-year agreements as the price is ultimately less if we commit to more than one year. Also guarantees we will continue getting it at the current price if the price goes up in the future. \$17,378.09

Software includes:

- Kids Discovery \$300 (Social studies)
- Studies Weekly \$1050 (Social studies)
- Lexia – \$1000 Spanish to English – Should help with WIDA test scores.
- Delta Math \$300 (7th and 8th grade math – Mr. Stuart)
- Keyboarding.com \$682.00 (5th grade)
- Vocab \$700 (5th grade)
- I-ready single year \$3400
- I-ready multi-year agreement \$9946.09 Identifies students' weaknesses and provides support. (Math lab – 6th grade – fills knowledge gaps)

Current paid software being used and paid for by the school includes:

- IXL – paid 3 years \$16013 (until 2027)
- Gizmos – 1 more year remaining paid \$8451.68
- ESpark – paid 3 years \$6345.90 (until 2027)

Current software being used and paid for by the district includes:

- ALEKS – per year for 3 years paid \$2500 / \$7500
- Renaissance Star AR \$2058.45
- Mystery Writing – 5th grade teachers (Mr. Chappell looking at whether it's something we want to continue with.
- Scholastic - Mr. Richardson (pamphlets / fliers)
- Newsela – Mr. Richardson (pamphlets / fliers)

Motion to accept the Trustlands proposal as presented – Kari Shields seconded by Amy Despain - unanimous approval.

Next meeting we will cover the dress code policy for FMS.

Need to be better on getting out the word on how to become a member of Community Council – maybe specify that it is for Trustland Funds when we send the email to invite parents to apply.

We will look into whether there are new guidelines or changes on TL Funds.

Thank you for your willingness to serve on the Community Council. Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 12, 2025, at 3:00 PM in the Media center. Motion to adjourn at 4:00 by Amy Despain – seconded by Autumn Barney.