

Community Council Minutes
March 3, 2008

In attendance: John Hernandez, Alice Carlisle, Melissa Seidle, Dan Coffin, JaDean Frehner, Patria Julnes, Eleanor Wellings, and Kathy Curtis.

Chair Alice Carlisle conducted the meeting and thanked those present.

The committee went over notes from last meeting taken from the DVD, reviewed expenditures, and went over last year's test scores, low UBSCCT scores in reading and writing, which explain why improving reading and writing skills is the emphasis for this year's School Land Trust money. The carry-over needs to be less than 1/3 of the appointed money, so far we have not spent 2/3 of the money.

Motion: To spend some of the left over money on needed English textbooks which will help to increase reading and writing skills. Vote was unanimous

School improvement plan and decide how to use money for next year.

Acting Principal John Hernandez explained that the Strategic Planning Committee is cleaning up the charter mission statement to make sure that everyone knows what the school is about instead of seven different people having seven different ideas.

Patria Julnes explained that the charter has a math, science, and engineering emphasis. The Strategic Planning Committee wants teachers to help make goals and objectives to give them ownership of the school and have a way to measure progress. The Strategic Planning Committee has made a PowerPoint that will be approved by the board.

School Councilor, Melissa Seidle, explained that the Curriculum Committee has made a pathway to graduation sheet to make it easier of all parents to see what classes are needed for graduation. She is meeting with each student and their parents for a SEOP. The school's critical for the fall are foreign language, PE, health, and fine arts. Also, students who come to the school in Algebra 1 struggle, and we need to help them.

Dan Coffin, math teacher: In order to help Algebra 1 and geometry students we could buy a network package of Geometer Sketch Pad for \$1500 or 50 users for \$1000. This program lets students experiment with geometry ideas, find formulas, and discover stuff. It works with a word processor so that students can put graphs into reports.

John: School improvement plan desperate for foreign language, next year Junior and Senior students will be able to take Spanish through and Ed-Net class. We also have to find someone qualified to teach health and PE.

Motion: Next year's plan is to increase math scores in Algebra 1 and Geometry, measure with CRT scores and to find the means to meet state requirements for graduation in

health, PE, and foreign language which will be documented with the number of students earning credit in these areas. The 2008-2009 School Land Trust money will be used to purchase a Geometer Sketch Pad License, health textbooks and equipment, and help pay any cost associated with the Spanish Ed-Net class. Vote was unanimous.

Motion: Alice and JaDean will write up reports before next board meeting. Vote was unanimous.

Regular meeting time, the first Monday or every month at 4:30. Patria will be excused from the meeting on April 7. Will create by-laws and rules for elections.

Meeting adjourned at 4:50.