

Heritage Elementary School Community Council Minutes
Meeting for Monday, Feb. 3, 2014

Darcy motioned to accept these minutes. Danielle seconded that motion. All members approved on March 3, 2014.

Members Present:

Jacqi McDowell, Kandyce Barber, Danielle Peterson, Jennie Evans, Marianne Hulse,

Meeting began at 3:49pm

- WELCOME
- LAST MEETING'S MINUTES

Kandyce motioned to approve January's minutes. Danielle seconded. All approved.

- SCHOOL LAND TRUST

Jacqi just received the final balance of \$3210.04 for the 2013-214 year. This is a 9% carry over. We aren't suppose to have any more than 10% carry over, so we are okay, but Jacqi would like to lower that amount. There is enough money to purchase 3 new computers for the front office and principal's office with that money. All the teachers have received their new computers (some haven't been installed yet). The computers cost \$765.18 each and then require \$100 for the necessary software. That will total \$2595.54. This purchase can be included in our technology purchase that was approved in our 2013-2014 budget. After that purchase we would have \$614.50 remaining, equaling a 1% carry over.

Next year's projected funding is \$29,906. Since we did qualify for Title I funding for next year, we will have a little flexibility with our School Land Trust money. Danielle mentioned that Mr. Thomas' goal was to alternate the updating of teacher computers with those in the computer lab and library. She wondered how those computers are doing. Jacqi will ask about them. Jacqi wondered if there was a way to update the software on older computers to Windows 8 without having to purchase new computers. We didn't have an answer for this. Jacqi commented that technology is always changing. For example, we purchased iPads last year, and she is feeling a little remorse because the new testing program is more compatible with the Google Chrome Books. Perhaps that is what we should have purchased. We determined, that if we want to use some of the money for technology, we will need to do research to determine the best use of that money. Jamie, the computer specialist at Heritage, will be a good resource for us.

There are other options for the money as well. We will be losing 5% of our Title I money (approximately \$3500) so we could use some for para-professional salary. Also, in the past we have used some of the School Land Trust money to pay for Scholastic Reading Counts annual fee. Jacqi will look up exactly how much that fee is for our next meeting. We may also need to use some of the money for dual immersion aides. Jacqi would like to use Title I money for that, but it specifies that Title I money needs to go toward reading. We didn't come up with a solution for that yet. We will continue this discussion at our March meeting. The School Land Trust plan is due in April.

- OTHER

Kandyce determined items for next month's agenda.

Kandyce motioned to close meeting. Marianne seconded. All approved.

Meeting closed at 4:33pm