

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

Members Present:

Jacqi McDowell, Darcy Ripplinger, Danielle Peterson, Jennie Evans, Marianne Hulse, Jeremy Young

Meeting began at 3:48pm

- WELCOME
- LAST MEETING'S MINUTES
Darcy motioned to approve February's minutes. Danielle seconded. All approved.
- CLARIFY SCHOLASTIC ANNUAL FEE
Jacqi looked into the cost for the Reading Counts Program, and it has been \$1,300 annually. Jacqi doesn't think it's changed, but she'll check with Alan Gibbons to make sure. We will write that into the School Land Trust Plan
- UPDATE ON NEEDS IN COMPUTER LAB; NECESSARY, SOFTWARE, HARDWARE?

The CCSD's new computer specialist came to Heritage to look at our computers. He said we are in a very admirable position right now. Jacqi talked with him about the non-compatible issues with testing and he mentioned that we can purchase a \$3 adapter so we can plug an iPad into a Dell keyboard which will help our compatibility issues. He also suggested that we talk to Providence Elementary to see if they would be interested in purchasing our computer lab (minus the keyboards). Evidently their computers are very out of date. The district determines the selling price, but if they were interested, that would give us a little more flexibility with our budget. Before Jacqi does that, she wants to talk to teachers because there may be teachers who still want/need more computers in their classroom. They could even get a Network Router so a number of computers in a classroom can have internet access.

We discussed the possibility of staggering the updating of the computer lab to a two year process. The benefit to that is financial. The drawback is that new computers operate on Windows 8. If we stagger, we may deal with different software on different computers. We discussed that we can get special permission to have a bigger carryover from one year to the next if we are saving up for something particular. We also discussed the possibility of needing stands for iPads. Jacqui will meet with the teacher about the computer situations next week.

We discussed what our current carryover is and what our projected funding will be and then compared the cost of new computers to see how we would be financially. We have \$614.50 carryover from the 2013-14 year. Our projected funding for 2014-15 is \$29,906 (with the possibility of a slight increase). A new computer with needed software is \$865 (30 computers would equal \$25,950). Scholastic Reading Counts cost is \$1,300. That would leave us with \$3,270.50 which we discussed we would want to use to pay for a portion of a paraprofessional's salary. (That amount would go up if we decide to sell computers and if Providence or another school is interested in purchasing them.)

Jacqi has started a rough draft of the School Land Trust Plan. It is due on April 18th, so we will discuss and finalize that at the next meeting. Our priorities are 1) computers and software 2) Scholastic Reading Counts Fee 3) Paraprofessional salary.

Agenda items for next month's meeting should include Approve the School Land Trust Plan.

Darcy motioned to close meeting. Marianne seconded. All approved.
Meeting closed at 4:21pm