

**COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING Minutes**  
**Feb. 3, 2015**

**4:00 at the School**

**Members Attending:** Chris Snodgress, Edyth Lang, Alison Thomas, Andi Buttram, and Alyson Paxman

**I. Review Minutes & Motion to Approve:** A. Thomas requested a motion to approve. A. Paxman made that motion and the motion carried without a second.

**II. Calendar Events:**

Feb 3 Community Council 4:00  
Feb 16 NO SCHOOL  
Feb 23 PLC Early Out 1:15  
Feb 24-27 SEPs Early Out 1:15  
Mar 9-13 Spring Break  
Mar 23 Next Open Arms Alliance  
Mar 30 PLC Early Out (Dismissed at 1:15)  
Mar 31 Next Community Council Meeting

**III. New SAGE Testing Results-**The interim results will be handed out and discussed at SEP conferences.

**IV. Open Arms Alliance-**

Oct 27—A Social Media Presentation by Derek Larson was attended by about 6 parents and community members. The next week a survey was sent out to parents who requested more training on iPads.

January 12--The preschool activity with Kathy Hall attracted about 20 parents interested in pre-reading activities. We discussed future changes at the school.

February 2--Cody Plumhof presented on iPads last night. Participants requested another presentation from Cody about apps in April.

March 23--The owners of Glitchbusters will present information about viruses and security issues on desktop computers.

We will question participants on extended needs for future events.

**V. Title 1-**Although we will not qualify for Title 1 funds next year, we will continue to request NESS funds to meet our needs.

**VI. PTO**

- Springdale City presented the PTO with a check for \$900.00. There was a short discussion on how those funds would be used, but nothing was

finalized. Consideration will be given to the purchase of a defibrillator and two additional risers.

- Dates and support for the yard sale was discussed. A flyer will request more assistance when a date is confirmed.
- The Halloween Carnival earned substantial money. Perhaps a Spook House could be created involving teenagers.
- For the last day of school activity, a field day was suggested.

**VII. Leader In Me Initiative-**E. Lang, C. Coleman and C. Snodgress visited schools up north to get better ideas to make LIM ubiquitous. Kids need to track their successes. The notebooks will be revamped and there will be school-wide goals. SEPs will be directed by students.

### **VIII. Fine Arts:**

- Beverly Taylor Sorensen Grant is changing their match from 25% to 20%. To date we have used money raised by the Art Auction to pay for our portion of the grant.
- Although our community assistance for art is minimal this year, teachers have tried to take up the slack. Teachers are currently making a curriculum map for art next year in order to cover the core for each grade level and integrate with science and social studies core.

**IX. Report on School Website Development:** Our website has been updated through the talents of Andi Buttram. Teachers were encouraged to have children participate in the creation.

### **X. Proposed Changes for our School:**

There will be significant changes at our school next year.

1. There will be physical changes such as relocating the library and the computer lab. These two activities will be placed in the south room. The main room will hold risers for assemblies, work tables for project based learning and printing resources for project work. There will also be an office area near the front door. The current office will be used for privacy meetings with the counselor, speech or sped services.
2. We plan to receive a grant for additional Chromebooks for each student in school.
3. We will continue to offer full day Kindergarten.
4. Language Arts classes will be divided between K, 1-2 and 3-4-5. Students will use this configuration for their home base. Students will begin school in their home base studying Language Arts from 9-11 with 25 minutes of PE somewhere during that time span.
5. From 11:00-12:00, students will work on Math K-1, 2-3, and 4-5. Enrichment activities will be offered for students who master the concepts quickly.

6. Flexible grouping will aid teachers as they work to meet individual student needs in both reading and math.
7. In the afternoon, half the school will be involved in music and the other half in 45 minutes of writing.
8. During the final 45 minutes of the day, teams of students will include grades 2-5. They will participate in an integrated curriculum for science and social studies using a Project Based Learning process. Products will be created as a way for students to demonstrate their learning.
9. Those students will rotate with students receiving electronic instruction through software such as SuccessMaker. Students in grades 1-2 will be guided in the process of project development.

**XI. Other:**

- Valentines Day Activity- Students planned a sugar cookie party including games.
- Students are learning to use electronic library system OVERDRIVE.
- There was a discussion about advertising the changes during the coming year. A flyer at the library and other location as well as PSAs and news articles.
- A Paxman made a motion to close the meeting. A. Buttram seconded it. Our next meeting is slated for March. Please check the calendar.
- Next Community Council Meeting –March 31, 2015 at 4:00. Must work on our School Land Trust Plan for next year, which is due April 15<sup>th</sup>.