

## Community Council Minutes

January 11, 2017

3:05 to 4:10 pm

Attendees: Melissa Dahle, Jana Wheelwright, Eric Markworth, Erica Wooten, Camille Davis, Becca Crookston, Val Christensen, Karlee Fryer, Stacie Jorgensen, and Bryan McLaughlin

Guests: Tara Wisner, Christy Rowden and Doree Burt

### Review and Approval of Minutes from December Meeting

Jana Wheelwright-motioned

Becca Crookston-2<sup>nd</sup> motion

Budget Update: At this point we have spent a total of \$16,713.27, so we have a remaining amount of about \$44,000 left. That is without the iPad (Kindergarten) and book (5<sup>th</sup> grade) proposals that were approved at the last meeting. Along with the other items that have been approved in this year's budget. The iPad approval form is at the district right now and the Chromebooks are getting set up and ready to go.

STEM Update: Eric wanted to hear our opinion as a community council of ideas for spending the \$1,000 scholarship the K'nex team won. We all agreed that STEM supplies would be useful, or possibly maybe even more K'nex sets that could be used for all grades. If it was to stay within the fifth grade, possibly other grades could also ask to use it. Would be good if the items bought could be used for more than one year. In the end whatever the faculty feels would be best and most beneficial is great, it will be talked about with the staff at a meeting.

Teacher Nomination: The teacher nomination is now open. Eric posted it on the facebook page, maybe possibly an email home about that again would be nice. At the next meeting we will be discussing the nominations and making a decision. Camille and Erica asked if they are needed there for the vote, since it will be for teachers, and the answer was yes because they are voting members of the council.

Teacher Proposals: We did not visit this at the meeting.

Update on Crosswalk: Tara Wisner and Christy Rowden who are employed by Logan City Police as Crossing Guards for the Woodruff School (They are both 10<sup>th</sup> West and 6<sup>th</sup> South crossing guards) were at the meeting to share their thoughts and concerns about adding a mid-block crossing walk or 20 mph speed zone. Tara has been a crossing guard there for 10 years. She doesn't feel that the mid-block cross walk would be helpful, if anything it may make it less safe. She said she has heard that they are trying to do away with the mid-block crossings because they are less safe. She said they try to train the kids where and what is appropriate when crossing the roads. As employees for the police, they are asked to turn in kid's names, parent's names or license plates of those not following the rules. They tell the kids that each year. She said there is usually problems when the kids are trying to hurry to catch the city bus, so they will run across or that parents will signal to their kids to cross. The problem with this is kids usually don't look both ways because their parents are telling them to come across. Community Council members also shared concern of the traffic back up if a cross walk was added in front of the school, there are many times that it is already backed up to the light at 6<sup>th</sup> South and 10<sup>th</sup> West. Lori Berry who is the crossing guard for Park Ave (6<sup>th</sup> West) texted Karlee

since she couldn't make it to the meeting and said that she also didn't feel a mid-block crossing was needed. She feels the one with the flags is enough. She said she watches and kids use the flags and they seem to be fine. Not all community council members agree with that intersection being fine, cars drive first in that area and don't always stop for the kids when they have the flags. Tara suggested adding a crosswalk light to that area, like they have at the high school. Christy agreed with the suggestions given by Tara. Tara also said that it is not possible to have a 20 mph speed limit if she remembered right, for the same reason they cannot on 10<sup>th</sup> West. Val said he had talked with Mark Nielsen about that before and it has something to do with how close it is to the traffic lights. This led to a conversation about the flow of traffic while dropping kids off and picking them up from school. Traffic is worse for the winter months due to the weather. Many people pull into the circle drives and will get out of their cars and walk their kids to the door, leaving it difficult for other cars to use the circle drive. We talked about possibly reviewing drop off and pick up through an email sent to parents, reminding parents of the flow of traffic and if you would like to get out of your car to walk your kid to the door or to go in and pick them up to please use the parking lots to help maintain the flow of traffic through the circle drives. Preschool students are supposed to be picked up inside the school by a parent, and this happens at the same time school ends for all students. This is something that is visited each year and hard to solve, there have been people out there directing traffic, in the past there was talk of using parent volunteers but there is worry of liability, they do have one for morning kindergarten. There will always be traffic at drop up and pick up times in the area, our goal can be how to manage it better and make it safe for our students.

Public Input: A message came through the Woodruff PTA Facebook page concerning times of doors being open for breakfast. Eric said the doors open at 7:25am for breakfast, this is the door located at the end of the hall by the lunchroom, door outside by the stairs and dumpsters. From there Lesa goes around and opens each door so students can stand in the breezeways until the bell rings. That is the earliest doors can be open because there is no supervision in the school before that. As we talked Tara said usually they cross the first kids at about 7:05 and kids will come on the city bus at about 7:12. We felt a reminder call home would be good to remind parents that even with colder temperatures that the school will not be open before 7:25am.

Doree Burt came with a concern about parents picking up in the neighborhood to the south of the school. She said that there needs to be a reminder to parents that picking up in this area is not allowed. In the winter months they see more traffic (possibly up to 40 cars). Doree had a letter listing codes and ordinances, concerns and suggested plans of action. She said that one of her neighbor's brought this to a meeting a few years ago and the answer was that nothing could be done about it. At those meetings the answer that was given, was that those were public streets. Doree explained when the sidewalks leading out of the school were put in that was for walking only, we asked if there was a document that stated that so we could see it to help come up with a solution. Also it was asked if they have talked to parents before about their concerns or if they have gone to the city as a neighborhood to suggest painted lines for crosswalks, neither had been done. We as a community council can revisit our SNAP plan for crosswalks. A decision was not made, Eric will be sending home a message to parents about drop off and pick up.

Upcoming District Community Council Training: Thursday, January 19th at 6:30pm in the Logan District Board Room. Recommended for principals and community council chairs. All members are welcome to attend.

Next Meeting: February 8<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm