

Water Canyon Community Council Mtg. Minutes

September 11, 2023

9:00 am-Water Canyon Elementary School Library

Unanimously Approved as written on 10/23/2023

Meeting called to order at 9:05 am by KariAnn Christiansen.

All attendees were given a packet that included the agenda, a copy of the School Trust Lands in Utah document from the USBE School LAND Trust website, a copy of the Rules of Order and Procedure document from the USBE School LAND Trust website, a copy of the Simple Motions of Parliamentary Procedure document from the USBE School LAND Trust Website, a copy of the Water Canyon Elementary School-Parent Compact, and a copy of the Water Canyon Elementary School Parent Engagement Policy.

1. Welcome and Introductions

Welcome by KariAnn Christiansen.

Mr. Jolley excused temporarily.

2. Nominations of Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary

This was tabled briefly in order to allow Mr. Jolley and other parents to be in attendance, as they had not yet arrived.

a. Explanation of seats/elections

Elections:

Theil Cooke nominated Misty Nicol as Chair. Brad Jolley seconded. Unanimous vote; motion carried.

Misty Nicol nominated Theil Cooke as Vice-Chair. Brad Jolley seconded. Unanimous vote; motion carried.

Brad Jolley nominated KariAnn Christiansen as Secretary. Theil Cooke seconded. Unanimous vote; motion carried.

3. Review and Revise Rules of Order, Procedures and Set Norms

Read by KariAnn Christiansen; Rules of Order and Procedure and Simple Motions of Parliamentary Procedure from USBE School LAND Trust Website.

<https://www.schools.utah.gov/file/826b5ebd-2243-479e-a1ed-b04875be5845>

Discussion of parent and school staff members on Community Council. At present there are two staff members and three parent members. It was decided that KariAnn Christiansen would be a non-voting member to ensure the two parent majority.

4. Watch Training Video - state website (Utah School Land Trust)

Video from USBE School LAND Trust website.

<https://youtu.be/ATmcutleyIE?si=nLrjMvOW1KxlodD4>

Mr. Jolley asked for questions about the School LAND Trust, then explained that money generated from the lands are earmarked for schools. As a council we make a plan to use the money. Our plan the last couple of years has been to use the money for a full time school counselor, as well as technology. Mrs. Olsen asked how the funding is divided amongst the schools. Mr. Jolley responded that it is based on the October 1 count.

5. Review Parent Engagement Policy and School/Parent Compact

Each attendee was given a copy of the Parent Engagement Policy, as well as a School/Parent Compact. It was reviewed by KariAnn Christiansen. There were no questions. Everyone in attendance was informed that there was also a copy that went home in the back to school folders at the beginning of the school year.

6. Schedule Future Meetings

Proposed Schedule:

October 23, 2023 - Council Appts and Amendments

December 11, 2023

February 12, 2024

April 8, 2024

Mr. Jolley proposed that, because the plan is due in March, we adjust the meeting dates for February and April. It was recommended that the February 12, 2024 meeting be moved to January 22, 2024, and the April 8, 2024 meeting be moved to March 4, 2024. A formal motion was not made, but all were in agreement.

8. Current School Plans

Professional Development to help with school achievement

Mr. Jolley explained LETRS training. Mrs. Christiansen explained the focus on attendance. Our school goal is 90%, and so far this year we have exceeded this goal. Mr. Jolley explained the new Core, and Mrs. Christiansen explained the Grade Level Specialists that come into the school to help support teachers with training specific to their grade level.

Reading Programs

Lexia and 95%

Math Programs

ST Math

Full-time School Counselor

Mr. Jolley explained the importance he places on having a full time counselor in an elementary school. They are not funded by the district, so we have to find other funds to pay for them. Early intervention is important.

9. Upcoming Events at WCES

Food Bank on September 12

SEP Conferences on September 20-21 from 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM

10. PTO - Ruth Milsap

Mrs. Milsap and Mr. Jolley introduced the PTO they are trying to get started. Mrs. Milsap indicated that their first meeting is Thursday, September 14, and there are 11 parents interested in joining. Mr. Jolley explained the pros and cons of joining the PTA, and felt that an organization that is not affiliated with a national organization would be most appropriate for Water Canyon. All resources collected will stay here if we do not affiliate with the PTA.

11. Other

How can we build community report and get people involved

Teachers allowing parents to be involved

These questions were posed to those in attendance to consider for the next meeting.

12. Adjourn

Miriah Wixom moved to adjourn the meeting, Theil Cooke seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:05 AM.

In Attendance: Liz Olsen, Theil Cooke, KariAnn Christiansen, Miriah Wixom, Ruth Milsap, Brad Jolley, Misty Nicol (via phone).