

**Approved Minutes of Community Council Meeting**  
**23 October 2023**  
**Water Canyon Elementary School Library**  
**9:00 AM**

**Minutes approved at the 11 Dec 2023 Community Council meeting.**

- Welcome
  - Meeting brought to order by Theil Cooke, acting for Misty Nicol who attended the meeting via phone, at 9:02 AM
  
- Approval of 9/11/23 meeting minutes
  - Theil Cooke made a motion to approve the minutes of the Sept 11, 2023 meeting. Seconded by Misty Nicol. Unanimous vote to approve minutes.
  
- Review of current School Land Trust Plan
  - Brad Jolley: Current School Land Trust Plan was created and submitted last spring and is available for review on the School Land Trust website. We currently have a budget of around \$30,000; we use about \$25,000 to partially fund our school counselor (.4 is funded from the state, .3 is funded from Trustland money, and .3 is funded by a grant from the district); we use \$4,000 for technology in the school for a total of \$29,000. \$913.00 was carried over. A copy of the plan is attached to the minutes.
  
- Digital Citizenship and Safety Principles
  - Brad Jolley: Part of the role as Community Council members is safety of kids. The district office and state provides internet safety instruction, which is presented in our computer labs by our computers teacher every year.

- Prevention Plan

- Miriah Wixom: District Office got money from the state that was allotted to each school. Each school gets \$1,000 for suicide prevention and \$1,000 for substance abuse prevention. Miriah Wixom and Andelina Sedgwick have been assigned oversight for these funds.
- Red Ribbon Week/Be Kind to Your Mind (peer pressure, mental health, substance abuse prevention) \$350
- Student Council (peer pressure, mental health, creating meaningful relationships, substance abuse prevention) \$150
- Hope Squad (peer pressure, mental health, creating meaningful relationships, suicide prevention) \$650
- Hope Week (mental health, creating meaningful relationships, suicide prevention) \$350
- Social Emotional Lessons from the School Counselor (peer pressure, mental health, creating meaningful relationships, substance abuse prevention, suicide prevention) \$400
- Botvin Life Skills Lessons for 4th grade (peer pressure, creating meaningful relationships, substance abuse prevention) \$100

- School survey

- Brad Jolley: At the end of last school year, the state surveyed the teachers, parents, and students in all the districts. USBE sent the results and the principals were asked to present the results to the Community Council. 499 teachers responded, 1,110 parents responded, 770 K-2 students responded, 3,300 3-5 students responded. The results are district wide, so we do not have specific numbers for Water Canyon. Overall, most respondents indicated that they feel the schools are safe and welcoming, however some did not feel this way. The District administration is concerned about racial remarks and slurs. We have had a few instances of negative racial comments, but the bulk of these were students who didn't understand what they were saying, and when brought to the attention of their parents, parents indicated they would take time to explain why those words are

inappropriate and hurtful. Mr. Jolley asked the council how he thought we are doing as a school. Misty Nicol indicated that she thinks WC is doing a good job of making students feel safe and welcome. Mr. Jolley said he wants to be proactive and would like parents to communicate with us if they see anything concerning.

- Additional Comments

- Mr. Cooke asked the council members if they had anything further to add. Misty Nicol asked if we can get Water Canyon's results of the survey, as that would be more beneficial for us moving forward. Brad Jolley said he would look into it.
- Mr. Jolley congratulated Misty Nicol on her upcoming wedding and asked if anything needed to be altered as far as Community Council goes. She said that she has no plans yet and will be continuing as is for now. The only thing that needs to change is her last name.

- Adjourn

- Miriah Wixom made a motion to adjourn, Theil Cooke seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:36 AM.

In attendance: Misty Nicol, Theil Cooke, Miriah Wixom, Brad Jolley, KariAnn Christiansen. Nathan Walsh excused with a dead car battery (requested to join remotely from now on)