

School Community Council  
MINUTES  
September 28, 2023  
7:30 am

Members present: David McNaughtan, Adam Johnson, Breanne Dedrickson, David Kingg, Melanie Seus, Colleen Tolles, Nathan Lines, Kristen Blum, Lori Crook, Kathy Hayter, Rob Willardson, Shauna Goates

Members excused: Duke Di Stefano, Lauren Jennings, Brigham Tomco, Breanna Quinn, Stephanie Prather, Megan Curran

1. Welcome and Training

- a. Principal McNaughtan welcomed members to the meeting and thanked them for their willingness to participate as part of the council. He presented the School Land Trust training video. The video goes over the structure of School Land Trust and explains how the resources are managed. Principal McNaughtan shared that 95% of the annual distribution goes to public schools.

2. Introductions and Elections

- a. Members introduced themselves and shared how they are connection to the Daniels Canyon Elementary community. Principal McNaughtan explained the procedure for electing new officers for the 2023-24 school year and explained the chairperson must be a parent representative. He then asked for nominations for chairperson.
- b. Breanne Dedrickson nominated David Kingg for chairperson. Principal McNaughtan seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor. Shauna Goates nominated Nathan Lines for vice-chairperson. Principal McNaughtan seconded the motion with all members present voting in favor.

3. SLT Plan 2023-24, Budget and Data

- a. Council members received a copy of the School Land Trust Plan for the 2023-24 school year showing a breakdown of categories and explanation of the disbursement of funds. A majority of funds pays for a certificated teacher with the remaining amount being allocated for professional development and materials and supports for intervention programs. Principal McNaughtan reviewed with council members the Data Gateway test results. Daniels Canyon has shown substantial growth in all areas with the most growth being in math. He attributed much of that growth to having a full-time teacher hired specifically to oversee and implement intervention groups. The Data Gateway test results show comparisons of schools with similar demographics.

4. Questions and Concerns

- a. Melanie Seus posed the question, "What determines how much money each school is allotted?" Principal McNaughtan shared how the funds are allocated based on student enrollment as of October 1.
- b. Colleen Tolles wondered if there is a way to be more specific in the goals. Principal McNaughtan explained how there are school goals but also grade level and individual teacher goals to increase growth. Teachers are able to determine which students need a specific skill and can help that student with those skills.

- c. Kristen Blum asked about the imbalance between interventions at the school level vs intervention at home. Mr. McNaughtan explained that schools have no control over what parents choose to do at home. The school can only control what happens during school hours. Members suggested giving ideas to parents at SSP conferences of enrichment ideas for their students or sending an email to inform them of programs that are available to access from home.
- d. David Kingg wondered if there was anything besides the intervention teacher that can be accredited to such positive growth. Lori Crook commented on the amazing professional development provided by the district being such a valuable tool in the classroom.

Principal McNaughtan asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. David Kingg motioned to adjourn and Breanne Dedrickson seconded the motion.