

MINUTES
School Community Council
January 9, 2025
7:30 am

Members Present: David McNaughtan, David Kingg, Adam Johnson, Melanie Seus, Kristen Blum, Colleen Tolles, Breanna Quinn, Lori Crook, Lauren Jennings

Others Present: Breanne Dedrickson, Lindsay Letzelter

1. Welcome and Approval of Minutes

- a. Principal McNaughtan welcomed members and thanked them for their attendance. It was noted from the minutes that the December 12th meeting was postponed until January 9th waiting for testing scores. David Kingg motioned to accept the minutes. Adam Johnson seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor.

2. Budget

- a. Principal McNaughtan reviewed with council members how school land trust funds were budgeted to cover the cost of an intervention teacher. They discussed ways excess funds could be spent if there were to be a carry over. The council decided that if there were any funds remaining after the cost of the teacher, they would use those funds to help pay for field trips. Melanie Seus motioned to add this to the minutes. Colleen Tolles seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor.

3. Data

- a. Lauren Jennings presented the data from K-2 Acadience testing. The data was very encouraging as there was significant growth in kindergarten and very little decrease in first and second grades. The graph ranks students as either red, yellow, green, or blue. She explained how Daniels Canyon Elementary teachers have set a goal of “maintain plus one”. For example: teachers will identify a student and help them advance from yellow to green.
- b. Principal McNaughtan, Lauren Jennings, Lori Crook and Lindsay Letzelter, were able to help council members how multiple exposures to concepts helps students increase retention. Communication between grade levels is another area teachers have focused on to help students achieve at high levels. This year we have two intervention teachers. One focuses on K-2 and the other on grades 3-5. The data has been beneficial for teachers in identifying the specific needs of individual students.
- c. Questions/Comments:
 - i. Breanne Dedrickson shared her appreciation of teachers giving specific ways for parents to help their children be successful.
 - ii. David Kingg asked if there were any data showing comparisons of schools with intervention teachers and those without. Principal McNaughtan wasn't sure but would try to find out.
 - iii. Breanna Quinn wondered if test results are discussed in front of other students in classes. It was explained that students can see their scores when they finish the tests and can celebrate their personal growth and achievement privately. Teachers emphasize to students that their worth is not determined by a test score.
 - iv. Council members also asked about opportunities for parents to help in classrooms. Principal McNaughtan will ask teachers and emphasized the importance of having

a set schedule when volunteering to make it worthwhile for both teachers and students.

A motion to dismiss the meeting was made by David McNaughtan; David Kingg seconded the motion.

The next scheduled meeting is February 6, 2025.