

Community Council Meeting

March 12, 2010

In attendance:

Jim McCasland (Principal)
Susanna Carrington (Community Council)
Reed Young (Community Council)Mark Vincent (Community Council)
Kay Quealy (Community Council Chair)
Jennifer Flitton (Community Council Secretary)
Kelly Guymon (PTA President)
Dustine McCormack (PTA President)
Linda Stott (Teacher)
Debbie Nichols (Teacher)
Dan Holstad (Teacher)
Wendy Jones (Teacher)
Sharon Mitchell (Teacher)
Lyne Miller (Teacher)
Kay Hollingworth (Teacher)

1:35 Meeting commenced

Mr. McCasland passed out information packets to be viewed

Kay Quealy started and welcomed everyone to the meeting and turned the time over to Mr. McCasland

Mr. McCasland – The public is getting the wrong message – that everything is okay. We will notice the cuts next year. The budget video was presented to those in attendance.

Discussion after the video:

Mr. McCasland :

- WPU was hit as hard as anticipated in the video
- Bill passed that districts may dip into their capital budget (available for 2 years)
- Air conditioning in the schools will not be impacted – that was a bond issue

People in attendance were given time to go through the budget.

Whole group discussion:

Jennifer Flitton, Debbie Nichols, Kay Quealy – Strong objection to the DIBELS program.

Jim McCasland would like to see a reduction in testing overall.

Jennifer Flitton – Suggestion to get rid of general music. (Mr. McCasland agrees)

Jim suggested that fees be charged if students want to be involved in the music program.

Susanna would like to see it be more beneficial to the kids at Eastwood.

Kay Quealy – cut the symphony programs – Charge people next year.

Debbie Nichols, Jim McCasland, Kay Quealy - Discussion about the coaches pay and intramurals and athletics. Mr. McCasland heard that secondary athletics pays for itself. Our question is whether or not they really make over a million dollar on this.

Kay Quealy – Cut the coaches pay and then next year have students pay the coaches salary.

Dustine – Question – Can we charge fees for things?

Wendy Jones – It is a law that grades K-6 can't charge fees. (Thanks Brigham Young)

Kay Quealy – We should propose a bill that makes it so we are able to charge fees.

Jim – suggests we reduce the paint department. But do not cut the maintenance programs.

Cutting the police department –

Jim – At Eastwood the police department is not necessary. However it is needed at other schools.

Wendy Jones – Student Services – Safe and Drug Free Schools. We do not see the money. The money is being spent but we are not seeing the results.

Granite Family Centers is valuable – Jim McCasland

Kay Hollingworth – Truancy – Linda Stott, Kay Quealy, Debbie Nichols all agree it should be dropped.

Linda Stott – Elementary Teachers – Don't want to see an extra student added. In her mind it really means that it is cutting a teacher. She would like to see that dropped.

Linda Stott – New Teacher support – She would prefer to have a smaller class size than pay money to help new teachers.

Linda Stott- In school safe program –

Susanna – It seems to her that a lot of the programs we are talking about are things that are not benefiting Eastwood. Example – At risk funds, ELL, Gang Prevention. There is a discrepancy between the schools and the funding that they are receiving. Jim talked about how lucky we are at Eastwood not to need some of the at risk funding.

Kay Quealy – (page 5) Maintenance – Can we cut the grounds every other week instead of every week? (9261)

Jennifer Flitton - Transportation concerns. Why do the rovers need to drive a district truck?
Why is the district paying the gasoline for people to get to work?

Linda Stott – A website that gives a daily summary of the bills that have been passed.
www.schools.utah.gov/law/2010-legislative-information.aspx

Meeting adjourned at 2:45.