

Community Council Meeting Minutes

January 11, 2018

Attending:

Michelle Pack, Angie Staheli, Kaleen Talley, Andrea Schmutz, Tania Duffin, Paul Hurt, and Jaime Kreyling

Housekeeping:

Motion to approve the minutes from November meeting by Angie Staheli, Michelle Pack seconded. Stand approved.

Business:

Language Art Department:

Mr. Ryan Rarick representing the Language Arts Department presented and answered questions regarding the proposed request for the No Red Ink (NRI) individualized extension learning program \$9,000.00

--Red Ink focuses on fundamentals—grammar, punctuation use, spelling, etc.

--Teachers do not use Red Ink much during class time

--Teachers like the ability to meet the needs of the students--whatever ability & reading level they are at

--The program provides a pre-test, a practice assignment, and a post-test

--Teachers are currently using the free version of the program that allows access to only 30% of the program—which are the areas that the students need the least amount of help. The free version has no access to the writing portion.

--Program is designed to avoid the “lucky guess” by providing secondary tests

Community Council’s questions focused on concerns that NRI become the teacher instead of the teachers teaching and the NRI writing portion being too similar to Utah Compose.

Community Council members are leaning toward paying for a 1 year license and that allows time to see if it really will benefit students before committing additional resources.

Math Department

Mr. Steve Lang from Math department presented and answered questions regarding the proposed request for KUDA software for pre-calculus \$335. KUDA is a software used by the teachers to create customized worksheets and tests with answer keys. Teachers feel it saves time for them and they like the customization aspect so if a certain class is struggling with certain concepts it allows the flexibility to tailor the worksheets.

Geometers Sketchpad software is for the geometry units of various classes—most math classes have a geometry portion or unit during the year. Cost of Geometers Sketchpad would be determined by how many computers that are licensed (assuming we paid for it for the 40 units in the computer lab cost is \$25 per computer which would total \$1,000.) The Geometers is a one time cost—no annual fee is required. A demonstration was provided for Community Council.

Physical Education Department:

Mr. Justin Redfearn and Ms. Ashley Howard presented regarding the request for 200 Adidas Zone fitness trackers at a total cost of \$31,000.00. They recognized that the proposal for \$31,000 was a dream request. They re-submitted a request for 1 set of 28 trackers, a charging & storage case, and teacher curriculum at a cost of \$8,236.00. Fifty trackers would be ideal. Alpine School District is the first in Utah to purchase them—they just purchased them this year. The teachers feel it is important to actually monitor individual kids so you can see that each student—regardless of their

fitness level—is performing and pushing themselves. The thought is to get one set and allow one class per period to use them and see how that works for now.

--A concern was raised regarding how long the software lasts—it was noted that the cost includes a 3 year software license.

--An additional concern was how we justify this cost within the SITLA requirements but many council members felt that because Fit for Life is a required class for all students that it would fit within the SITLA requirements.

--A member noted that this year would be a good year to spend money in this area since there are more funds provided this year.

--Council members encouraged Mr. Redfearn and Ms. Howard to follow up with the Alpine School District and see what their experience has been. Also, to find out what the lifespan is on the monitors—are these only going to last 3 years? Perhaps questions need to be directed to teachers having success with them—and using them for a longer period of time in other states.

Meeting adjourned

Next Meeting: February 13th 11:30 a.m.