

Community Council

September 5, 2017

Review of Minutes:

A new chair, co-chair, and secretary were elected.

Carl Hellewell was elected as chair

Ivy Ruelan was elected as co-chair

Shari Byers was elected as secretary

Citizen Comments:

Jordan Savage was present and talked to the counsel about students having a desire to plant trees once the construction is done. Maybe each grade level could plant a tree? Jordan also provided information for us about the construction and our new crossing signal.

Trust Land Money Discussion: This year Syracuse Elementary was given about \$93,000 in trust land money. The way this money is allocated has been put into our school improvement plan. Around \$56,000 will be going to our tutors. Tutors are being used in reading and math this year. The school technology committee has also decided to buy a new laptop cart with trust land money and money from last year's Yes Day.

Fundraising: Our school read-a-thon will be February 26-March 2 this year. The PTA usually provides something to the school from money raised at the yearly carnival. (Examples of this have been our Liberty Wall and our marquee in front of the school) The council is planning on doing Yes Day again in the spring.

Comments from the Principal: Our new crosswalk is still having issues with people going through on a red light. This is mostly happening after School hours. The walk signal was too short but that has been lengthened. The audible alarm is not yet set up, but the principal will check on that at her next meeting.

The principal did a walk by the building area of the new CVS pharmacy. It looks safe for the children to walk by and has a fence around the entire construction site.

Comments from Council Members: Members have seen citizens comments on Facebook posting they are upset that they are not able to turn left onto Antelope from the CVS parking lot. It is in the plans to have a cement barrier put in here. Turning left from the parking lot will be impossible when that barrier is installed.

Removing the trees in front of the schools it has taken away the visual friction in the area. Because of this cars tend to drive faster. There is a lot of concern for the safety of the children.

Once the new crosswalk was put in, the school zone had to be taken out. The blinking lights of the school zone distracts from the lights of the new crosswalk.

Some citizens still want a sky bridge put in.

Talk of lowering the speed limit has also been brought up. A speed test is being done on the road. If cars don't slow down on the road, the speed limit will not go down.

We are asking the community to report crosswalk violations to the city. Police officers were being patient as people adjusted to the new system. Hopefully the new system is established at this point. All reports help the city know if there are issues that can be addressed.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, October 3 at 4 PM in the library conference room

Community Council

October 3, 2017

Review of Minutes:

Citizen Comments:

Trust Land Money Discussion: Miss Fredericks will be adding in last minute things and have the trust lands proposal ready for the committee after UEA.

Through trust land and Yes Day funds, 30 new laptops and a cart were ordered. They should be available for teacher use the first part of November.

Some of the school iPads are no longer taking updates through Apple. They can be used about a year after this happens and then the apps will no longer run.

Fundraising: Our school read-a-thon will be February 26-March 2 this year.

The council decided to have Yes Day on Wednesday, May 23, 2017. It was also discussed that we could have multiple Yes Days a year, or just some of the activities available a couple times a year.

Comments from the Principal: The new HAWK signal in front of the school will have a sound aspect to it. It has been ordered and will be installed once it arrives.

There are still issues with people not obeying the signals. The council talked about the importance of informing the community the correct procedures. Syracuse city will be coming out with a new magazine. There may be room to put information in there. There is currently information on the Syracuse city webpage under the construction updates section.

Comments from Council Members: Students in the upper grades have expressed a desire to have new ideas for recess. Some of the ideas presented were crafts, boardgames, card games, more shade, repainting the foursquare and hopscotch, new foursquare balls, and a new big toy.

We currently do you have games available to play during recess. Miss Fredericks will look into what games we have and possibly getting some new ones. The school tries to have enough equipment available at recess. There are times that knowing how many to order can get tricky. The blacktop was going to be repainted, but we were told our playground was going to be resurfaced. That has not happened yet, so Miss Fredericks will check in to that.

There is a company called Play Works that comes into schools and teachers kids games at recess. It is an expensive program, but some of the activities are available online for free.

Students can only use the quiet area during lunch because there is no supervision in that area during the other recesses. It would not be possible for the school to hire another ground duty to supervise that time in morning and afternoon recesses. The items from the quiet area could be available to use during those recesses, just not in a quiet area.

The school could use three new recess carts. This is a good scout project if anyone is looking for one they could contact the school.

There is a Facebook group that has been started by some immersion parents. Parents with immersion students in the junior high are concerned the language seems to be falling off once they get into junior high. All immersion schools follow a state model. The state decides what is taught in the class. Some review must happen each year as the students prepare to learn new material.

The lot that CVS is being built on will eventually have other businesses also. This takes away the parking for the park. The city is trying to acquire the field next to the lot. If they are able to, the field it will become the parking area for Founder's Park.

Road construction in front of the school will begin on June 2. It will be a hard close. There will be no through traffic in either direction. Construction will continue through the summer until the week before school.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, November 7 at 4 PM in the library conference room.

Community Council

November 7, 2017

Review of Minutes:

Citizen Comments:

Trust Land Money Discussion: Trust lands this year our school received almost \$70,000 Last year \$56,000 spent but \$66,000 set aside. All roll over from last year used on technology.

Any carry over for this year will be used to update iPads. Our current iPads are 5-6 years old.

Fundraising: Read-a-thon will be February 26-March 2

Yes Day will be Wednesday, May 23

Comments from the Principal: The new hawk symbol issues we have been seeing have lessened, and things seem to be going better. Jr. High students have made a video that will be shown to our students about the new crosswalk procedures.

Comments from Council Members:

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, December 5 at 4 PM in the library conference room.

Syracuse Elementary Community Council Minutes

Tuesday, January 2, 2018

In attendance:

Michelle Fredericks-Principal

Ann Kutterer-Teacher

Tracie McEwen-Garritson-Parent

Stacey Osborne-Teacher

Laura Pforts-Teacher

AGENDA

****Shari Byers** has had to step down as a teacher representative and secretary due to other obligations. We appreciate her hard work for the council and want to thank her. Tracie McEwen-Garritson has taken over Shari's position as secretary. We also want to welcome Ann Kutterer who has taken over Shari's position as a teacher representative.

1-Review of Minutes: None needed

2-Citizen Comments: None given

3-Trust Land Money Discussion: \$31, 289.31 spent; \$46, 69.51 encumbered; \$31, 532.24 current balance. It was proposed that we use approximately \$11,000.00 to purchase an IPAD cart now (\$9,150 IPADS/MDM licenses, \$600 cases, \$1,305 cart, may be a shipping cost). All in attendance voted in favor of this; however, since there were three teachers and only one parent in attendance Michelle would love to hear from other council members as to whether you are in favor or opposed to this.

4-Fund Raising: So far, this year \$31, 439.64 from fund raising monies has been spent on Field Trips for our students. Our upcoming fund raisers are the Read-A-Thon from February 25th to March 2nd, 2018 as well as YES DAY on May 23rd.

5-Comments from Principal: Feels confident we will stay on the traditional schedule for the 2018-19 school year. Welcome and thank you to Ann for being willing to be our new teacher representative and to Tracie for being willing to be secretary.

6-Comments from Council Members: None

NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6th at 4 p.m. in the Syracuse Elementary conference room.

Syracuse Elementary Community Council Minutes

Tuesday, February 6, 2018

Members in attendance:

Michelle Fredericks-Principal

Carl Hellewell-Parent/Chair

Ann Kutterer-Teacher

Tracie McEwen-Garritson-Parent

Laura Pforts-Teacher

Jacquelyn Philips-Parent

Ivy Ruelan-Parent

Also in attendance: Jordan Savage-Syracuse City

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1-Review of Minutes: Minutes from January 2nd meeting were read by Carl Hellewell. No concerns.

2-Citizen Comments: Jordan Savage (Syracuse City employee) wanted to make sure he was on the list to get e-mails; Michelle said she would make sure he was.

3-Trust Land Money Discussion: No new discussions, Carl reminded everyone to read the e-mail sent to all of us by School Children Trust/Natalie Gordon about legislative bills and issues related to Trustland monies.

4-Fund Raising: We have an Olympic Themed Read-A-Thon scheduled for February 26th through March 2nd. Our goal is to raise approximately \$15,500 based on 80% of total enrollment donating \$20.00 each. There is a committee of teachers heading the fund raiser. All teachers are committed to making sure every child feels like they can participate and receive recognition even if they cannot donate money (ie. recognition for reading not just donations, time given in school for reading in case it is not happening at home). Our next fund raiser is "YES DAY" on May 23rd and we will need volunteers to help with this (those on Community Council or people representing them).

5-Comments from Principal: A parent concern about our dress standards specific to hair color was brought to administration and the district wanted new technology (ie. wearable electronic devices) to be included in our electronic devices policy. There was a considerable discussion on this and Carl volunteered to work on the wording of new standards that allowed for colored hair and for students and the technology they may bring to school. In addition, we were updated on summer construction plans and concerns; Michelle is attending monthly meetings with the Granite Construction and UDOT.

6-Comments from Council Members: Is the audio warning signal working on the crosswalk?(needs to be checked); A concern about students going into the building during inclement weather (exposed to rain, cold, etc.) and wondering about getting an awning covering (district decision; cost prohibitive); parent and student concerns about time allowed for eating and lunchroom crowding (design of tables a district purchasing issue), consistency of PBIS with different teachers (in the 1st year and 3-5 years needed to fully implement; continued training planned); question about how a student is nominated for city's student of the month (only two Syracuse Elementary students per year our month was already in September); student concerns about wanting more games at recess (Michelle is working on it) and consistency with ground duties and their rules (can be addressed through staff meetings/trainings). A question specific to a teacher and grading was deemed not the correct forum for in Community Council and finally it was discussed that Syracuse Elementary is known for having a positive climate and that students are learning in many ways here.

Syracuse Elementary Community Council Minutes

Tuesday, March 13th, 2018

In attendance:

Michelle Fredericks-Principal; Carl Hellewell-Parent; Ann Kutterer-Teacher; Tracie McEwen-GarritsonParent; Kristie Nelson-Parent; Stacey Osborne-Teacher; Laura Pforts-Teacher; Ivy Ruelan-Parent; and Jordan Savage-Syracuse City Rep.

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1-Review of Minutes: Carl presented, no concerns

2-Citizen Comments: None given

3-Trust Land Money Discussion: Lengthy review of 2017-18 School Goals and teachers input for new goals for 2018-19 SY; it is projected we will get about \$97,000 next school year. Current goals utilizing reading/math tutors for DIBELS progress and the PBIS to continue. New goals were discussed; new goal of implementing Comprehensive Mathematics Instruction by training a small committee (Michelle and four teachers) who will then come back and train the entire staff which will take two years to complete; monies totaling approx. \$32,500 will be needed to pay for salaries, CMI training, and software.

4-Fund Raising: The Read-A-Thon from February 25th to March 2nd, 2018 was a great success! We raised \$16,600 which was \$1,100 above our goal and we had over 75% daily average of reading participation. YES DAY is coming up on May 23rd and we can still use volunteers.

5-Comments from Principal: Need someone to go to with Michelle to the district Learning First day on March 28th from 8 am-12 noon. Tracie is planning on attending; let Michelle know if you can go as well. Yes Day funds will be used to buy carts, cords, protective covers for 150 new Chromebooks the district is providing for 6th grade for the 2018-19 SY. Michelle will post the new dress code/electronic devices policies that were approved and voted for today.

6-Comments from Council Members: A question about the possibility of getting a Lego Mindstorm group set up afterschool was asked about, it is a wonderful idea but currently there is no available supervision for such an after-school group.

NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON TUESDAY, APRIL 10th at 4 p.m. in the Syracuse Elementary conference room.

Syracuse Elementary Community Council Minutes

Tuesday, April 10th, 2018

In attendance: Allyson Cragun-Parent; Michelle Fredericks-Principal; Tracie McEwen-Garritson-Parent; Stacey OsborneTeacher; and Laura Pforts-Teacher

AGENDA

1-Review of Minutes: None needed

2-Citizen Comments: None given

3-Trust Land Money Discussion: Lengthy review of 2017-18 School Goals and teachers input for new goals for 2018-19 SY; it is projected we will get about \$97,000 next school year and with a \$3,000 roll over we will have a projected budget of \$100,473.00. Current goals utilizing reading/math tutors for DIBELS progress and the PBIS to continue. We are unable to implement Comprehensive Mathematics Instruction for the 2018-19 SY, but are hopeful we will be able to the following year. The money that was earmarked for CMI will be used to buy carts for the 6th grade cloud books being bought with REFRESH monies, as well as provide professional development opportunities for teachers in math; textbooks and software for math; and a possible faculty book study.

4-Fund Raising: YES DAY is coming up on Wednesday, May 23rd and we can still use volunteers. We are also doing a YES DAY just for kindergarten on Friday, May 18th. All money raised will be used for technology (carts for cloud books, covers, licenses, etc.). Proposed student activities were reviewed and approved.

5-Comments from Principal: We will need to discuss next year's elections at our May 1st meeting.

6-Comments from Council Members: Teachers are really helping in the parking lot for drop off and pick up by helping to move cars along and keep students safe.

NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON TUESDAY, MAY 1st at 4 p.m. in the Syracuse Elementary conference room

Syracuse Elementary Community Council Minutes

Tuesday, May 1st, 2018

In attendance: Michelle Fredericks-Principal; Carl Hellewell-Parent; Ann Kutterer-Teacher; Tracie McEwen-GarritsonParent; Kristie Nelson-Parent; Stacey Osborne-Teacher; and Laura Pforts-Teacher; Ivy Ruelan-Parent; and Jordan Savage-Syracuse City Rep.

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1-Review of Minutes: None needed

2-Citizen Comments: None given

3-Trust Land Money Discussion: Nothing new to discuss***cloud books and IPADS have been ordered and will arrive sometime in June

4-Fund Raising: YES DAY is coming up on Wednesday, May 23rd and we can still use volunteers. We are also doing a YES DAY just for kindergarten on Friday, May 18th. All money raised will be used for technology (carts for cloud books, covers, licenses, etc.). Information for parents went home today (5/1)

5-Comments from Principal: We will need 3-4 seats filled by parents for next year's community council; Ms. Fredericks will pass on the information to our new administration so they can get an email out in August for voting around back to school night. Thanks to Allyson Cragun, Kristie Nelson, and Ivy Ruelan for their service these past two years.

6-Comments from Council Members: A BIG THANK YOU to Ms. Fredericks for all she has done here at Syracuse these past nine years. She will be greatly missed and she is wished the best as she heads over to Crestview Elementary. Jordan Savage from Syracuse City let us know that the splash pad will be open in the spring of 2019.

NEXT MEETING WILL BE SOMETIME IN SEPTEMBER. Have a wonderful and safe summer!!