

School Community Council Meeting Minutes
Oakcrest Elementary
January 13, 2025 @ 4:00-5:00 PM

Council Members

Ken Westwood (Principal)
Travis Workman (Chair)
Parker Cluff (Vice Chair)
Eric Pedersen (Parent)
Brandi Butler (Parent)

Lane Perkins (Parent)
Christa Banks (Parent)
Katie Zaragoza (Faculty)
Stephen Keith (Faculty)
Cynthia Anderson (Faculty)

Discussion Items

Safe access plan has not been submitted yet, there is a delay on the district side.

Typically try to keep the LAND trust plan simple. This is the one plan we have complete control over. We like to keep it all for the literacy goal and then look at the whole budget as a big picture.

PLC \$25k - Used to help cover rotation assistants

LAND Trust - \$105k - literacy (Walk to read)

TSSA - \$140k - Pays for half the instructional coach. Also used for training of teachers. The school now gets to decide what to do with this money instead of the district.

In Lieu - Extra money from royalties divided up amongst the district.

Total assistants

8 literacy assistants to help with the walk to read program

2 math assistants (one right now), trying to do a similar program as walk to read.

5 rotation assistants Music, PE, STEM, computers

\$190k year for employing all these assistants

Technology

Need to purchase 125 chrome books for \$30,000

ESL

This population is growing. Members of the staff have ESL credentials. There are incentives and stipends for teachers to get their ESL certification. about \$1000 / teacher.

Maria does community outreach and helps run the ESL program

Coaching

Required - \$40k year. Marla is a great resource. the district is paying the other half.

Arts

Estimated cost is about \$60k

Doing some operahs

Doing the Lion King this year

Beverly Sorenson grant pays 40% of the cost and we pay 10%. (for half time employee) We hire mr knight full time.

The district divides up the number of teachers you need by the number of kids. With 4 classes in every grade the balance pays for Mr Knight.

Last year The district tried to take one of the Kindergarten teachers. Mr Westwood talked the district into paying for Mr Knight.

There is no option for this this year, so this falls on school resources. We need to decide how we want to handle this.

Character ed

The district has provided someone to help do this. Celeste has been really good.

\$30k deficit

We do have carry over money that will cover all of this but does not leave much room.

Multiple people mentioned keeping Mr Knight for now and then letting and addressing this next year with the new principal.

We discussed the possibility of eliminating the computer lab assistants and just using the computers in the class room and having the kids use library time. This would cause an issue for the planning time. We could combine computers with STEM.

The coaching budget is non negotiable.

So basically we have to eliminate literacy aides or computer aides. Strong emphasis on literacy and the literacy aides from multiple council members said we cannot eliminate literacy aides.

We vote on this in March.

If we end up cutting Mr Knight and end up with a part time person is that enough to cover. We would have a music teacher for half the year. No half days.

We are OK to share this and discuss it with the community.

There is enough money to cover all this for 25-26, but unless more money comes in the 26-27 year will need cuts. Trying to provide a full view for the next principal, then we can talk and prioritize from there.

Meeting adjourned by unanimous vote.

Next Meeting:

March 3, 2025 @ 4:00 PM