



***Mt. Mahogany Elementary
School Community Council Meeting
January 29, 2019 @ 3:45***

- **Members present:** Jeff Shirley (Principal Member), Stephanie Glass (SCC Co-Chair), Kelcee Schenk (Employee Member), Kate Larsen (SCC Chair), Caroline Shoell (Parent Member), Justin Gaines (Parent Member), Staci Gaines (Parent Member), Liana Brown (Parent Member), Amanda Paul (Parent Member)
- **Members absent:** Niels Fugal (DCC)

1. Welcome—

- 2. Celebrations—**Our Magic/STEM night was a very positive evening, with great parent feedback. We think about 280 students with a total of about 450 people participated. The evening cost about \$4000 out of Title 1 for materials and the presenters. Mr. Carling is offering to do an after school magic program and the Council discussed this opportunity.

DIBELS scores for the 1st grade are looking better than in previous years. The goal of 80% proficient seems more possible.

STEM conference that the teachers went to will help prepare the school for the 2019-2020 ASD Vision for Learning transition.

The community worked together very well to meet our school's needs after our student Michael Madsen was killed. Local businesses and families offered support, money, and food.

White Ribbon Week is off to a good start. The students will dress as super heroes on Friday to help them make smart online choices and coming to and from school.

3. Discussion Items for 2019-20—

- a. Title I Status—Has there been any discussion in the community about signing up for Free/Reduced lunch to help us keep Title 1 status? It

was suggested to do a call reminder, which will be sent out. Aides, technology, parent engagement night, teacher salary are all ways that this money has been used. The Council was urged to spread the positive use for Title 1 money and how it benefits our school.

- b. Christmas Sing for Parents—Parent feedback seems to support a parent performance for the Christmas Sing. We may do a survey to get all parents a chance to give their input. Teachers are supportive of parents attending 1-2 days before the student sing. Everyone was in agreement to plan that for next year.
- c. Art Specialty—There is a Beverly Taylor Sorenson grant to add an additional specialty for next year. There is an art, drama, STEM, or graphic design option. Art seemed like the most popular option among the Council members and Mr. Shirley will continue to look at this.
- d. Research Lab—The Council discussed funding a replacement for the outdated devices would be approximately \$22,000. Most grades currently do not use the lab due to outdated devices. Do we need to fund and replace or do we remove it? We can look at Macbook minis or Chrome Boxes. Chromebooks have a higher life expectancy than Macs. We could also convert it into a STEM lab, as other schools have done. Some teachers and Mr. Shirley will go to Saratoga Springs to look at their ‘Shark Lab’ and get an idea of cost.
- e. Parent Requests—The Council discussed parent requests for teachers next year. We have discovered that classes vary significantly in terms of academics and behavior. It was suggested that more information about the teachers and their classroom philosophy be provided for parents so they are more comfortable with assigned teachers.

4. Trustland Expenditures Review

- a. Money allocation for 18-19--\$32,000 for aides, \$17,000 for professional development, \$6,500 software, \$30,000 computer equipment
- b. Plans/ Needs for 19-20—We will take feedback next meeting to allocate for next school year’s needs.

5. Upcoming March Cookie Dough Fundraiser—\$26,000 total and kept \$12,000 last year from cookie dough sales. Cookie dough sales have been working and brings in a lot of money for the school. The timing is better this year with it being in March. Mr. Shirley will sleep on the roof if the school meets the goal of \$30,000.

6. School Safety Update—

- a. 1300 West Concerns—Parents are double-parking especially at the end of the school day. There were 2 officers out there today. There

are parents that frequently jaywalk with their children. Maybe there could be some training with the crossing guard to help the flow of the cars and have a group of children, rather than stopping the traffic for just one student.

- b. Cameras—We have been able to use these for reviewing incidents with student interaction or accidents are utilizing these cameras. It helps the students telling the truth about what happened.
- 7. Other Community Items for Discussion**—Mr. Shirley thanked the Council for supporting the school and providing feedback to the community. The next meeting will be February 26, 2019.