MINUTES

COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

JANUARY 9, 2107

In attendance: John Hughes; principal, Gayla Luke; secretary, Korinda Stilson; president

Council members: Jasa Norton, Heather Orgill, Liza Roberts, Natalie Olsen

The council was welcomed by Pres. Korinda Stilson; time was turned over to Mr. Hughes who then reviewed progress of goals from the school lands trust plan.

Goal #1: To increase the number of students who are proficient by 10 percent. This will be measured by using 2107 Sage Test results, SLO plan, Mastery Connect reports, and DIBELS test scores.

It was explained by Mr. Hughes that as part of the expenditures for the Lands Trust Plan $650.00 had been budgeted for substitute teachers to use as teachers attended our T.E.S.S meetings. This will not be needed as the district will be paying for these subs using District Funds.

In discussing pre-planning for 2017-18 Lands Trust, Mr. Hughes shared there is a possibility of a 40% increase in funding for next year. Also the district is contemplating giving the schools a list of software to choose from rather than each school using different programs.

Korinda brought up that she feels like the council should research which software programs are the most beneficial to the students and to what extent they are helpful.

Other items discussed by the council:

IPADS are nearing the end of their life spans and Chrome books could be a more cost effective choice for the future.

The district has let the schools know that they will manage the use of the IPAD carts.

This next year is Cottonwood’s turn to replace the computers in the lab with updated models. There is a possiblity that the district will look into buying less expensive replacement computers. This would leave money in the budget that possibly could be used to replace some of the obsolete IPADS with Chrome Books.

Goal #2: To increase by 10 percent the student’s proficiency in reading and writing. The following list has been budgeted into the Lands Trust plan to realize this goal: non-fiction periodicals, journals, high intensive aides and online software.

The council discussed that our Sage Testing scores as a school are slightly down this year from the prior year. The members would like to research specifically where and what could be done to bring our numbers back up. It was suggested that information from Title One reports could be helpful.

Mr. Hughes related that all Community Councils have been given a new assignment called Digital Citizenship. The intent of this is to create a safe technology environment. The council tabled this for the next meeting and will discuss the best ways for our school to accomplish this assignment. Also at the next meeting there will be a discussion about the remaining Land s Trust budget, where it has been appropriated and if any amendments will be necessary.