

COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FROM JANUARY 16, 2019

Those present attending this meeting were John Hughes; principal, Gayla Luke; secretary, Natalie Olsen; chair, Janakae Magann, Mary Kava, Heather Orgill, Pam Howard, Rebekah Hennes.

The meeting was brought to order and everyone welcomed by chairman Natalie Olsen and turned over to principal Hughes. First item on the agenda was review of the current plan. As this was looked over and discussed we felt that all expenditures and finances are in line as planned with the exception of the money that had been allocated for the math intensive aide. This matter had been discussed in December's meeting, at which time the council had agreed upon the need to reallocate those funds per amendment to the Land Trust plan. Mr. Hughes would take the necessary steps and request that money to be put towards the purchase of additional chrome books for our classrooms. Mr. Hughes let us know that this had been taken care of and we now have the approval for this change. By our estimates we will be able to purchase 16 or 17 new chrome books. These will be placed directly into the classrooms for student's benefit and use.

Data showing growth from sage testing was looked at, which proved Cottonwood had **high** growth in all three subjects; math, science and language arts. It also showed that we are the only school in the district with 100% growth in the lowest 25% of our students. We feel that our school, faculty and students are doing very well. We are proud of their growth and efforts. Our council plans to do all they can to be instrumental in helping this growth to continue.

Other items discussed were next year's funding. It looks as though the falling off of student counts in our district has somewhat leveled off and TrustLand's money is projected to be about the same or slightly more as compared with this year's amount.

Dibels testing data was reviewed. The Beginning of Year and Middle of Year scores were compared showing that our well below benchmark scores had gone down from 30% to 22% and our above benchmark scores had increased from 34% to 47%. It was noted that our Title One employees are extremely competent and advantageous to the efficiency and successfulness of this program.

The meeting was adjourned until the next meeting to be held March 27th.