

Monte Vista Elementary  
School Community Council Meeting  
September 20, 2018 – 6:00 PM  
Monte Vista Elementary Media Center

1. Welcome
2. Introductions (attending: Marinda Wessman, Lindsey Branca, Kristy Ives, Raquel Braithwaite, Meredith Doleac, Tina Sisuico, Kelsey - intern)
3. Election of Chair and co-Chair
  - a. Marinda will continue to serve as Chair
  - b. Lindsey will serve as co-chair
4. Discussion of Council Roles and Responsibilities for 2018-19 school year
  - a. SCC meeting schedule/time
    - i. November 15 - 5:00
    - ii. January 24 - 5:00
    - iii. March 21 - 5:00
    - iv. Meeting start times (5:00, 5:30, 6:00)
      1. We will start at 5:00 as long as this fits the schedule of other council members
  - b. Responsibilities - we discussed responsibilities of council members, primarily to help sign off on the Land Trust Plan and to support school needs
5. Land Trust Plan 2018-2019
  - a. Salaries of classroom and grade level aides, and all or some of specialist salaries
  - b. The plan includes provisions for enrichment (math teams, battle of the books, after school STEM programs) and interventions (rotation times)
6. Testing results
  - a. SAGE - <https://datagateway.schools.utah.gov/>
    - i. New testing this year (RISE) - big emphasis on growth, not just proficiency
      1. How can we help educate families about the new test?
      2. There is a video we can share with the community
    - ii. We recognize that SAGE is not the only measure of school excellence
    - iii. Why are LA scores going down?
      1. New focus on Language Arts, better implementation of Journeys
      2. Standards based instruction and grading
    - iv. Science - 4th and 5th scores are included, 6th grade scores not included yet
    - v. What is the cause of test fatigue? Too many tests?
    - vi. Disparity between minority students - ESL students
      1. Possible professional development encouragement for ESL courses to have more ESL certified teachers
      2. Most ESL students are assigned to an ESL certified teacher

3. Some of our English teachers in the DLI program are ESL certified to support our native Mandarin speaking students
  - b. School grades - 2017 B
    - i. School grades will not be assigned this year
  - c. AAPPL - students test in fall
    - i. Last years test results (Fall 2017)
      1. 3rd Interpretive Listening and Speaking - 78.4% on or above target
      2. 4th Interpretive Listening - 92.1% on or above target
      3. 4th Reading - 71.1% on or above target
      4. 4th Presentational Writing - 86.6% on or above target
      5. 5th Interpretive Listening and Speaking - 95.8% on or above target
      6. 6th Interpretive Listening - 52.5% on or above target
      7. 6th Reading - 30% on or above target
      8. 6th Presentational Writing - 57.5 on or above target
    - ii. This year's testing window opens in November
7. JSD Wellness Policy
    - a. Nutritional policy
    - b. Recess time
    - c. Weekly PE
    - d. Support other programs - Race Cats and Girls on the Run
    - e. Discussion of Play Works (6th grade students as helper and monitors of lower grade students in structured recess activities; students are not required to play structured games, but given opportunities for directed activities)
  8. Code of Conduct
    - a. What are doing to address bullying and provide anti-bullying education?  
Information on website and formal instruction in PE, classroom instruction
  9. Safe Technology and Digital Citizenship
  10. Council Budget - Our council budget is at \$0.00 from last year's musical instrument purchases and support of attendance incentives
  11. Potential SCC Fundraiser for 2018-19 school year
    - a. PE equipment was a possible need - Funds were given by Coca-Cola so additional equipment is probably not needed right now
    - b. We decided to old off on a fundraiser for now being that there is not a clear need - we will reevaluated prior to Spring conferences to decide if we might want to sponsor a fundraiser during Spring PTC
  12. Discussion of school start time (see attached letters from 2015 and 2016)
    - a. We will send a formal request to Doree Strauss - I have attached a draft of a letter I have composed for Ms. Strauss - please feel free to send corrections (mechanical or otherwise) or content suggestions
    - b. We still have some students with ongoing early release permits
    - c. Caprese Roberts and others specifically requested we contact district about changing our schedule

d. We recognize that with so many boundary changes and the resultant changes in transportation schedules that this is a good year to make this request

13. Optional council trainings hosted by the state/district for council members

a. October 25 - 6:00 pm - JSD ASB Building

b. November 1 - 6:00 pm - Herriman High Tech Atrium

c. November 8 - 6:00 pm - Bingham High Media Center

d. November 14 - 6:00 pm - Copper Hills High Media Center

14. Adjourn

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October 1, 2018

Ms. Strauss,

The School Community Council for Monte Vista Elementary School would like to formally request the early 8:30 AM start time for the 2019-2020 school year. This request comes with the full support of our Council, Principal Meredith Doleac, our local PTA chapter and many parents and students at Monte Vista Elementary.

In December 2015, the School Community Council for Monte Vista Elementary formally requested the early 8:30 AM start time for the 2016-2017 school year. Due to transportation schedules and other issues, the district was not able to grant the request. This request was submitted again the following year. With the many boundary changes and resultant changes in transportation schedules taking effect for the 2019-2020 school year, we request that the district again consider our request for an earlier start time. Since transitioning to a traditional calendar year, we have enjoyed an earlier end time. We feel that an earlier start time will be an additional benefit to students and families in our community.

The following issues have prompted this request:

- Monte Vista has been on the late schedule for 9 years now and we feel that it is appropriate to allow all schools to experience the early and late start times.
- Several students from our school have early release forms and check out early from school 1-3 days a week. Numerous other students are regularly checked out early to accommodate extracurricular and family needs. Checking out early causes disruption to classes and more importantly causes students to miss valuable core classroom learning. We are confident that an earlier end time would benefit many of these students and families.

As our advocate with the District we sincerely appreciate the efforts you and your colleagues offer on our behalf. We understand that a final decision with regards to school boundaries will be made in December or January and that decisions on start and end times is made in the spring. We request that you keep us informed with regards to the status of our request and that you provide us with your thoughts on next steps and timelines for both the District and our Council. If you have any questions or concerns with this request please feel free to reach out to us at any time.

Sincerely,  
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