

January 13, 2025 Sylvan/Lucas Site Council Minutes (Unofficial)

Those in attendance: Michelle Ellenz, Clay Mettlen, Bernie Hlad, Pastor Craig, Freedom Cain, Zach Hlad, Tyler Gier, Stephanie Svaty, Melissa Wacker, Jeff Starkey, Tammy Cline, Michelle Brokes, STUCO: Maggie Labertew, Anna Feldkamp Guest: J R Pahls

Tammy called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm The November 11, 2024 minutes were read, Zach motioned to approve, Michelle E. 2nd all approved.

STUCO report; Maggie and Anna (attached)

Elementary report was read by Mr. Starkey (attached)

High school report was read by Mr. Mettlen (attached)

Administration report-Mr. Starkey reported the Board did vote this past December to support a 1% sales tax. If passed, we would receive \$ 117,000 over the next ten years.

There was a Power School breach—we have looked at our logs and we do not see any signs that we were affected. We will look at the Social security numbers of the students—are they really needed?

The Board will vote on the two school calendars that were presented to the staff. Calendar Two was voted on by the staff; it had a proposal of adding 5 minutes to the day with an extension of weekends, especially in February. Then in February the Board will officially approve.

The Blue Ribbon Task Force from KSDE (Topeka) sent their report in regards to the Student Screen time—how much is spent during the school day and at home with their parents. They had concerns with the mental health of the student. Maybe give parents the option of leaving the school device at school and not even bring it home? It will be up to the school to decide on anything. The Committee recommended NO devices, especially for personal use. In their report they said 77% of schools in the United States have DON'T USE IT! Unless it is okay with the teacher. 97% of the students said they use their devices.

The Board also approved hiring a firm to do a facilities review. They would look at what needs addressed structurally; Zach asked if there is a cost if a bond does not get passed to pay for it. Yes, there would be.

No Legislative report.

Short report on the Health Insurance for USD 299.

Member Items: Mr. Starkey revisited the bond consideration. He said a number of districts are also looking. Zach said in visiting with others they have asked questions: What improvements, how much, and what about a land transfer? There was discussion but no action taken.

Tammy said she was addressed about the junior high/high school pep band. Are the jr. high not required to attend the games? Mr. Mettlen explained that Friday, January 10 they were not since they did not have class that day (late start). J R also reported, explained. There was lengthy discussion among many of the members.

Tammy also questioned the golf situation. Mr. Mettlen explained that if we did do golf we would Co-op and it would be up to the student to get to practice. Ideas, thoughts, concerns. No action.

Tammy asked about a new member from the Denmark area? It would not be necessary, but it would be nice. No other items/concerns. Steph moved to adjourn, Mr. Starkey 2nd. Approved.

Adjourned at 7 pm. Bernie Hlad, secretary

