Southland SCC Meeting Minutes
January 18, 2024

Attendees

Community Members

Chair - Katie Enniss
Vice Chair - Joshua Harrison
Secretary – Garett York
Parent Rep.-Julia Halliday
Parent Rep-Jennifer Preece

School Members

Principal-Garett York
Faculty Rep.-Lay Kou

Voting Requirements

Majority of quorum present (4/6)
2 more parents than school staff

Non-Voting Attendees

Jessica Muelleck-PTO President
Riverton City Crossing Guard Representative

Meeting Minutes

The meeting minutes from November 16, 2023 were voted on and adopted with 6-yays and 0-nays

Southland's Safe Walking Routes Plan was discussed, items regarding police enforcement of the ways that cars enter and exit school property were added. The plan was voted on and accepted unanimously. The required members of our SCC signed the document, and Mr. York will submit it to the district.

Mr. York discussed potential items to be considered by members of the SCC as we are getting closer and closer to our 2024-25 LAND Trust Plan needing to be submitted. The results of what we've been doing at Southland have demonstrated that our previous two plans, and our current one, are having a positive impact on student reading achievement. However, due to declining enrollment and diminished interest in Southland's DLI program we are seeing increasingly large class sizes in our English-speaking classroom. Rather than using LAND Trust funds to continue to pay for classroom aides that assist with our Walk-to-Read program, it may be worth considering using LAND Trust funds to supplement the FTE that is given to Southland by the district.

Frustration was expressed that using LAND Trust Funds to supplement FTE that is negatively impacted by having low class sizes in Southland's DLI program is not equitable. The general consensus is that if the Southland community, and the district itself, are interested in the DLI program continuing that additional FTE should be supplied by the district rather than using funding that is meant to benefit ALL students rather than just fixing an issue caused by having a DLI program present in our building.

While Mr. York has successfully negotiated additional FTE in the past, cutbacks in funding may negatively impact his negotiations this year and larger class sizes would be the result. Larger than anticipated early enrollment in Kindergarten has been beneficial as those negotiations begin. Low enrollment in our DLI program has been detrimental. Mr. York stated that he would be able to provide additional insight into those FTE negotiations in March, but that SCC members should start considering the possibility of using LAND Trust money to lower class sizes rather than continue to fund our Walk-to-Read program at its current levels.

Various responses and ideas were proposed and discussed by members of the SCC as methods of avoiding needing to make such a difficult decision.

A call for the meeting to adjourn was made following those conversations, and voting was unanimous to bring the meeting to a conclusion.