

COTTONWOOD ELEMENTARY COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

Meeting was held on October 9, 2019. Those in attendance were John Hughes Cottonwood Elementary principal, Gayla Luke secretary, Larry Davis district superintendent, Kerry Olsen district maintenance, Doug Johnson district IT, Tracy Johnson school board member, Jodi Carter principal Huntington Elementary, JR Jones Emery District Elementary Supervisor, Chris Hennes, Pam Howard, Stephanie Roper, Mary Kava, Janakae Magann.

- Everyone was introduced including new committee members. Superintendent Davis briefly addressed new security issues such as the state requirements, policies, etc.
- Committee reviewed this year's plans and goals. Noting that there was a small rollover amount of \$2388.
- Committee also reviewed our successful goal growth from 2018 to 2019 with an increase in grades 3-5 from 37% to 39% and grades k-2 from 72% to 79 % increase and overall student's proficiency 63% to 81 % which is an 18% growth.
- Mr. Hughes put before the committee a proposal for an amendment to the plan. With the carryover amount of \$2388.00 from last year—we would like to put this money to help offset the cost of the Solution Tree Professional Learning Committees conference that our three teacher team leaders are attending. The costs are much more than anticipated. Each teacher's conference fee is \$699 and each hotel room is approximately 345.00 per person. Last year was budgeted \$1800.00 for this opportunity; the actual cost was \$3042. It had also been budgeted \$600 to help offset the cost of Professional Development for teachers. That money has been used to help offset the cost of the PLC conference as well as several teachers. With the approval of the amendment is approved, it will cover the total costs of the PLC conference and still provide approximately \$361.00 for other professional development opportunities.
The remaining \$1027 would be left in our fund balance to cover under-estimated costs of the plan items, which is about half of what we had listed in the current plan.
The community council made a motion to approve said amendment and all were in agreement for approval, except the two members who were not present.
Mr. Hughes will submit amendment to Superintendent Davis and Emery County School Board for further approval.
- Stephanie Roper who is our Title One teacher representing Cottonwood, Ferron, and Huntington Elementaries presented her compact agreement plan and parent engagement policy. Explained briefly:
 1. The school has a defined procedure for identifying eligible children.
 2. Program resources help participating children meet state's challenging student academic achievement standards expected for all children.
 3. Effective methods and instructional strategies are based on scientifically based research that strengthens the core academic program of the school.

4. Coordinate with and support the regular education program, which may include services to assist preschool children in the transition from early childhood programs.
5. Provide instruction by highly qualified teachers.
6. Provide opportunities for professional development for teachers, principals, and paraprofessionals; and, if appropriate, to parents, and other staff who work with participating children.
7. Provide strategies to increase parent engagement in accordance with section 1118.
8. Coordinate and integrate Federal, State, and local services and programs.
9. The school has a defined procedure for reviewing, on an ongoing basis, the progress of participating children and revising the targeted assistance program, if necessary, to provide additional assistance to enable such children to meet the state's challenging student academic achievement standards.

- Principal Hughes discussed with the committee our reunification drill which was held September 20th. This was the first elementary reunification effort in the district and overall was very successful. We learned a lot about how to make an event like this flow well and be beneficial to all who would be involved. Of course we have a few suggestions for next time such as a spreadsheet with all students and information at each pick up table and dividing the students into three groups.
- The committee talked about safe schools and See Something Say Something. This is very helpful and should be reinforced within each school. We also have links on the school websites to safe ut. and our district tip line.
- Kerry Lake discussed some of the district's capital outlay needs such as technology etc.
- Tracy Johnson from the school board mentioned committees are being formed to address current topics with our district such as major upgrades and remodeling and even possible new building.
- Mr. Hughes then discussed our school's start to the year. Everything seems to be going well and the new rotations between subjects and teachers for the 3rd, 4th and 5th grades are also going very well and students seem to be enjoying the new format.
- Dates for upcoming meetings will be:
 - November 14th at 4:30
 - January 3 at 3:30
 - March 11 at 3:30 and
 - March 25 at 3:30.