

School Community Council Minutes Feb 4, 2015

In attendance: Dylan Thornton, Steve Stewart, Jana Gunnell, Audrey Barton, Kimberly Potts, Kerri Sabey, Aleta Wilkinson, DeAnna Weierholt, Liz Gibby, Holly Wade, Aleta Wilkinson.

-No unfinished business from last meeting. Natalie wasn't present to talk about the teacher survey that was to be sent out, so we'll look forward to hearing from her next meeting. The SCC members are anxious to hear the results of the survey.

The SCC discussed how to define "advanced learner" before we start discussing the proposals. Hopefully this will help us when we go through the proposals. It is important to realize how much it costs compares to how many students it serves.

The following proposals were discussed.

1. Mr. Rykert (FITNESS)-Some of my advanced fitness students could use more weights. They are getting stronger and more skilled with the movements. We could do some awesome extension activities as well such as agility training during TEAL or extended TEAL when there is more time. The estimated cost is \$500. This equipment would serve approximately 10 additional students per period. It would increase their flexibility, agility, strength and coordination.
2. Ramos (HONORS BIOLOGY)- plants to grow and a mobile greenhouse. The estimated cost is \$1700 for the greenhouse, and \$100 for extra plants. The expected results are to reach a greater depth of knowledge and hands on experiments for advanced learners. It also gives them the ability to measure their own results instead of just researching others results.
3. Thomson and Ochs (HONORS ENGLISH)-additional literature to increase the depth and complexity. The funds can be used for (1) One summer day to develop curriculum. (A) Move from traditional class structure to flipped classroom (B) New term based units set similar to literature study units in post-secondary education. (2) New literature books to teach the concepts developed above (3) Pay for professional development class given by the District. (4) Inquiry and innovation in the classroom through genius hour. The estimated cost is: Class set of novels: \$400-500 per unit. Day in the summer: 17.50 an hour for the day (6 hours = \$105 each). Professional Development class fee: \$160 (\$80 each). The expected result is increased reading, comprehension and to increase the dept and knowledge of literature for our advanced students.
4. Braithwaite (ORCHESTRA)-I would like to enhance the orchestra program for those students for whom the standard repertoire we learn as a class is too easy. In order to do so, I would like to introduce them to Grade 3.5-4 music, but we currently have a limited library of those types of pieces. I propose that \$200 of the SCC grand funds be allocated to the Orchestra program for purchase of advanced sheet music, such as Benjamin Britten's Simple Symphony, Gustav Host's St. Paul Suite, and Samuel Barber Adagio for Strings. This will allow my advanced students to perform pieces that are more challenging for them instead of pieces that are currently easy for them.
5. Burton (MATH)-Advanced math for tools, field trips, seminars, competitions and workshops. The estimated cost is \$1000. The expected results are to get them more involved in math activities. It will also motivate them to do more than what they are currently doing. We hope they can compete in AMC, which is a national competition. BYU has previously funded this, and they are not funding this year.

6. The engineering design process is a process used in many disciplines. Advanced students will use this process and become familiar with CAD programs (computer aided design) to help design new ideas, solve problems and nurture creativity. Advanced students would benefit from integrating the design process and creating a physical prototype of their solution to a problem or invention/innovation project. Estimated cost:
3D printers range from \$600 to \$3,000. I am looking at a couple that are \$900 and \$1000. Expected results:
Advanced students will become familiar and use the engineering design process. Students also will have a 3D printed prototype to take home. They will gain valuable experience in the cycle of planning, design, building, testing, revision and sharing results. Their assessments will align with the incoming changes to the communications technology state standards.

Steve said he would be willing to take care of the \$500 for weights for the PE department. The SCC felt like it was a great idea, but not necessarily fit into the advanced learners' category for them to approve.

Lauren Burton came and presented their proposal. Steve Bodell came and talked about the CTE proposal. The Council was very excited about all of the proposals and were so excited to be able to help fund these programs. The \$3828 wasn't enough to cover all the proposals, a decision had to be made on which program could not be funded. It was decided that the following programs be funded.

- *Honors Biology- \$1800 for a mobile greenhouse and extra plants.
- *Orchestra-\$200 for advanced sheet music
- *Math-\$828 for fieldtrips, competitions, tools and workshops
- *CTE-\$1000 for a 3D printer

Holly and Steve will type a letter up for each department explaining that their proposal was accepted or denied.

Action items: Get SCC members time to meet with Accreditation group. Next meeting scheduled for March 4, 2015. Meeting adjourned.