

OFFICIAL MINUTES
Edith Bowen Laboratory School
School Community Council
Monday, February 8, 2016

SCC Members

Present:

Emma Maughan
Lorinda Mortensen
Kim Hendricks
Shannin Kishbaugh
Laura Reina
Dan Johnson
Eric Gierloff
Eric Newell
Gaylene Merrill

Absent:

Sarah Huff
Juliet Tietjen
Julie Moeller
Adam Winger
Shelly Gonzales

AGENDA:

1. Call to order: 8:20 AM

2. Minutes:

Action: Motion to approve November SCC minutes.

Motion: Kim Hendricks

Second: Lorinda Mortensen

Unanimous in affirmative

2. Feedback on the Change in SEPs (Laura):

Laura inquired as to how the SCC Board felt their children's SEPs had gone. Kim shared that she felt the student lead aspect in her children's classroom were lost. She would have liked more dialog on the report card and then talked to the teacher about her child as a person. Shannin indicated that her classroom was student lead and it went really well. Emma indicated that her

children's classrooms were also student lead, but shared that even though she likes the student lead piece, she finds it much less useful for her and she did not learn anything new. She indicated that she would have liked less focus on test scores and had more time to ask lots of questions but still feels that there needs to be a balance. She shared that it will help when the SEPs and report cards both align.

Laura stated that students are learning how to set their own goals and that this is a process. Kim indicated that she had forgotten her children's goals until she came to the conferences. Laura shared that we need to work on getting these goals out to the parents. Dan indicated that these goals need to be reviewed, but also suggested that question needs to be asked - how do students set goals? He suggested that we may need to help set these goals in a different way. Kim stated that the most useful information from the SEP Conferences come from the teachers themselves and that some of the information in these conferences needs to be shared with just the parents. Kim went on to state that her son goes to Jen for groups but that she never gets feedback from these teachers and the same goes with the humanities teachers. Laura stated that teachers receive weekly information on how their students are doing in RtI groups, so their growth is part of each student's report.

Emma stated that she would like to see the school stay with the 7 Habits and stick to it even if some other program come outs. Laura stated that there has been a true environment and culture change with the 7 Habits. Dan stated that even teachers have benefited from this program because they are also setting goals for their own IDPs. This process is more of a culture shift for how we do things now here at EBLS. Eric G stated that this program will keep going even if someone else takes over the reins of the school because a lot of money has been spent on this program.

3. Professional Development in Science with Max Longhurst (Laura):

Laura shared that over the next two years a new science curriculum is coming from the state. Max Longhurst, who is in the TEAL department, will be helping our teachers get prepared through PD. We want to be proactive and be ahead of the game as this new curriculum rolls out. Dan stated that Max is well respected around the state and people are coming to him for answers on science and in science education wanting help on how it should look. Emma inquired as to if Eric N would be involved in this for placed-based learning and if there is money to support placed-based learning. Dan indicated yes to both questions.

4. Professional Development Schools (Dan):

Dan shared some background as to why he would like see EBLS become a Professional Development School. He shared that he was asked to serve on a board for IALS, which is a national board for laboratory schools throughout the country. What he was seeing was this organization was small, and because they are not making any new laboratory schools, he could not really see their purpose or what impact the organization was making. He shared that he resigned from the board and suggested to them that if they want to make an impact that they should look at becoming Professional Development Schools because of the relationships with

community universities and colleges in their areas that they serve. Dan suggested that he wants to continue doing some research on this, and then get people around the table from the College of Education and EBLIS to see what is being taught by professors in the College of Education so that there is more **intentionally** about developing that relationship and sharing that practice. We are trying to continue building a relationship with the College of Education and feels that this should be our purpose.

5. Blue Ribbon Schools (Dan):

Dan shared with the board that EBLIS was selected to become a Blue Ribbon School. There were only three schools chosen in the State of Utah for this award. EBLIS was chosen for this because of our performance this past year. The school needs to complete an application over the next few weeks and then this application will be held until our new test scores for this year are received. We do have to continue to show performance over time. It is a great recognition for this school and could provide great recognition for this school locally, regionally, and nationally in the future.

6. Friends of Edith Bowen (Dan):

Eric G shared that we are moving forward with the Friends of Edith Bowen. We recently hired two of our playground staff to put in additional hours so that they can work with the Development Office to start compiling contact information of former students and parents of EBLIS. These lists will be used for searches, and with the help of the Development Office who will help us track down people, and then we can hopefully start reaching out to them. Dan hopes that we can start this messaging by the end of February or March. We are still trying to decide what kind of message we want to share, such as what is happening here at EBLIS and start seeking donations. The EBLIS Facebook page will be tied to this once this is established and a link will be provided. Dan also shared with the SCC board that there will be playground safety issues when the construction starts on the CPD building. We are looking to sell the playground equipment we have and he will be meeting with Dean Foley in the next couple weeks. The school is looking at building an Imagination Playground for the future and hope to use the Friends of the Edith Bowen to help fund this along with the Ryker Dattage Outdoor Recreation fund.

7. 6th Grade Update (Dan):

Dan expressed to the SCC board that he would like to talk to Dean Foley about the possibility of opening the school up to 6th grade the fall of 2017 instead of waiting until 2018. The plan would be to use the present Math and Science Lab and Spanish classroom to house the 6th grade students. Dan suggested that in the distance future he would like to see the school get some of space back where STEM is presently located. Adding 6th grade will definitely impact the school and we will have to come up with a schedule to accommodate all of this. Emma indicated that the School Community Council supports this addition and suggested that he moves forward on this as soon as possible. Dan shared with the board that the school has identified dates and expenses that are required to set up new classrooms in the school.

8. Additional Items (Dan):

Dan asked the SCC to pay attention to new state legislation bills that are being looked at this year. SB 38 is a bill that would give us new money for next year. This bill gives equity funding to all schools throughout the state, including charter schools. He stated that adding this money will make a huge impact on this school. We should know by the middle of March if it passes.

Emma asked Gaylene about the election process for next year. Gaylene explained that they can choose to hold elections this Spring or wait until Fall if they desire. Emma will talk with Lorinda to see her thoughts. Gaylene also suggested that for the next SCC meeting that the council needs to look at Trust Lands for next year because it is due in March. Emma asked Eric G to bring information on the present plan to the next meeting, which will be held March 14th.

Adjourn 9:40 AM