

Peruvian Park Elementary School

School Community Council

November 28, 2018

In attendance: Melinda Morgan, Leslie Jewkes, Annette Marchant, Melinda Bezdjian, Heather McEntire, Karina Park, Jennifer Crane

Guest: Andrea Dover MSW, SSWI, CSWI

1. Services available to Peruvian Park school community- Andrea Dover MSW
  - a. Ms. Dover is a social worker at Peruvian Park.
    - i. Ms. Dover works in groups and one on one with students
    - ii. Her focus is on social skills, emotional management, and referral to other community resources such as toys for tots, food banks, and further counseling.
  - b. There are other staff at Peruvian Park focused on mental health such as a school psychologist and a SALTA support specialist.
  - c. The Canyons School District also offers mental health support and family counseling by referral.
  - d. Referrals for services are received from teachers and through progress monitoring.
  - e. There has been a significant increase in district funding for mental health and support services over the last year.
2. Approval of Oct. 2018 minutes
  - a. Ms. Park moved to approve.
  - b. Ms. McEntire seconded.
  - c. Minutes were approved unanimously
3. School Commute Plan (SNAP)
  - a. Revisions were voted on and approved unanimously by email on Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> 2018.
  - b. Safety committee and risk management will look at the current system for issues ie: walking routes on school property.
4. Living Leader
  - a. Peruvian Park did not have a volunteer for a living leader this year.
  - b. The living leader volunteer is required to attend some trainings/meetings and provides the school with resources and support for healthy living.
5. SCC Training Folder
  - a. The district is trying to move toward a paperless resource system for School Community Councils.
  - b. Ms. Morgan will compare the current folder with the information available on the website.
  - c. Ms. Jewkes has already made a lot of changes to the website.
6. Digital Citizenship
  - a. The School Children's Trust at the Utah Board of Education created a short video to help explain the digital citizenship requirement for SCCs. Paula Plant is an expert on this topic, and briefly shares council responsibilities and valuable resources. It is available on

the USBE School LAND Trust YouTube channel

here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A8njXZnLbDY>.

- b. The district is changing the format for the digital citizenship plan, Ms. Jewkes will share this with the SCC when the new format becomes available.
7. PTA Report-Andrea
  - a. (Andrea was not able to be present).
  - b. The Spell-a-thon fundraiser raised close to \$20,000!
8. Budget Report
  - a. More information will be available at the next meeting.
  - b. Ms. Jewkes was out of town for the Blue Ribbon School awards.
  - c. A few teams have taken their team days.
  - d. The team days are supposed to be taken by February in order to be able to accurately project the budget.
9. Safety Drill
  - a. The evacuation drill for this month was rescheduled to the morning of Nov. 28<sup>th</sup> (today).
  - b. This drill took about 1.5 minutes longer than the average 2 minutes due to staff working with a child who was having behavioral issues.
  - c. The drill turned out to be very good practice and went well.
10. Safety Plan Review
  - a. The safety plan has not changed from last year.
  - b. Ms. Jewkes will e-mail the plan to SCC members for review.
  - c. The safety committee will review the path to walk from the school to the designated emergency meeting place at the church.
11. Cell Tower Income
  - a. Peruvian Park does not have a cell tower on school property.
  - b. Canyons district redistributes some of the money earned by schools that do have a cell tower to schools across the district.
  - c. The money must be approved by the SCC.
  - d. Last year Peruvian Park received around \$2000.
12. Celebrations
  - a. Ms. Jewkes went to Washington DC to receive the Blue Ribbon School award on behalf of Peruvian Park.
  - b. Peruvian Park reflections participants produced four winners that will move on to the regional competition.
  - c. Peruvian Park will send some volunteer staff and students to decorate the Christmas tree at the local Zions bank on December 4<sup>th</sup>.
13. Operation Safe Passage
  - a. Volunteer opportunities are available for community members to help kids arrive to and from school safely and avoid child abductions.
  - b. Sandy police department offers an ID badge and vest and performs background checks for volunteers.
14. Our Schools Now Initiative
  - a. Was on November ballot to raise taxes and increase funding for schools.
  - b. Did not pass.
15. Next SCC Meeting: January 16<sup>th</sup> 2019.