

Crescent Elementary  
School Community Council Meeting  
September 23, 2013  
4:00 PM Conference Room

Attending: LeeAnn Evans, Terra Gerritsen, Amy Jex, Melissa Johnson, Rochelle Stone,  
Natalie Aitken, Sandra Lloyd, Debbie Shumard, and Verla Sperry.

Excused: Jacquelyn Wallenberg

Welcome by LeeAnn Evans.

Read and approved minutes of May 6, 2013.

Motion to approve LeeAnn Evans  
Seconded by Verla Sperry

Debbie explained the new website for SCC on Canvas.

Debbie reviewed what we are using with School Land Trust funds this year.

Paraprofessionals and teachers teaching at risk students. We have \$44,585.08.

Debbie updated school information:

Enrollment 665

New teachers: Mrs. Bodell – K, Miss Rosdahl ---DK, Ms.  
Bernabeu – 1<sup>st</sup>. Mrs. Reeves – 1<sup>st</sup>, Mrs. Welty – 3<sup>rd</sup>, Miss DiVino – 3<sup>rd</sup>,  
Mrs. Allan – 4<sup>th</sup>, Mrs. Rawson – 4<sup>th</sup>.

School Fundraiser Update – Happenings Books/cookie dough.

So far we have earned around \$7,000.00 for a new laptop mobile lab. We need  
about \$40,000.00.

Electing Chair and Co-chair.

LeeAnn, current chair, nominated Melissa Johnson, parent. Seconded by Debbie  
Shumard.

All voted YES.

LeeAnn, current chair, nominated Amy Jex, parent for co-chair. Seconded by Rochelle  
Stone. All voted YES.

Reading Program --- Melissa Johnson will be the lead. She and her team will write up  
the plan and the funds needed and send to Debbie and SCC team for approval.

Communication: Amy Jex reported that part of the sidewalk on 3<sup>rd</sup> east- going north -  
is dangerous to our students while walking to and from school. Amy will create letter  
for all of us to sign and it will be sent to Sandy City.

Communication: Parent, Jessica Breur. All words in italics are quotes from Mrs. Breur.  
*“Now that a different population is attending (the former) Crescent Middle School, is it  
a possibility to start/end school at an earlier time? (8:30?) Can family vote on this?  
(Early time would help working parents, and time difference is big for student  
adjustments to middle school hours?)”*

This discussion has come up many times from previous SCC's. Crescent Elementary is a  
late school due to busing. Our drivers have either a high school or middle school to  
run before our elementary school. If we were a walking school we could ask for an  
earlier start time.

*Communication: “The first day of school/parent meet and greet: Could this be voted on  
by the families attending the school? Time for a change!”*

*CONS (by Jessica Bruer)*

*“Students are so excited to attend the first day, and after an hour plus they are bored?? They are stuck where they are. If this was held as a Back to School night, families can leave when information is received.”*

*“Teachers seem to lose student’s excitement, after they have to sit and listen to same rules/routine again and again (Almost three time)”*

*“Not a child-centered academic meeting.”*

*“Hard for working parents to attend (Noticed low turn out in numbers)”*

*“Lose instructional time beginning with the first day procedures”*

*“Parents leave room a bit messy with chairs left out, papers forgotten, etc. (Hence more lost instructional time to clean up after them)”*

*“Pertinent information was not given for school-wide issues such as procedures, school drop-off zones, rules, volunteer sign-in , curriculum maps or scope and sequence for year, procedures for lunch money, placement for bikes & lock-up, budgets, or fundraisers.”*

*PROS (by Jessica Breur)*

*“Parents get to go in and see where kids will spend their days.”*

*“Teachers don’t have to stay after hours (But could be easily compensated for staying late by leaving after school on other school day.)”*

SCC Discussion:

Thank you Mrs. Bruer for communicating your concern.

Our “Crescent Cub Celebration” begins at 9:05am with the Principal welcoming all. At 9:10 the parents are invited to attend a 15 minute session in one of their students new classroom. At 9:30am a second, 15 minute session begins for those parents that have more than one child in our school. At 9:45am the parents are excused and our first day begins. We haven’t found the rooms to be too messy to cause interruption.

On our first day we bring each grade level together in the gym and go over our ROARS rules, behavior, bike/scooter information.

Our teachers are so talented with their presentations – our students don’t get bored. ☺

Instructional time for the first day is discussing procedures and expectations.

Pertinent information and procedures were online when parents registered. We also sent out maps concerning pick-up and drop-off zones the first day.

We put the information about parents coming the first day as part of the online registration information. Most parents, with advance notice, are able to take off the one hour to attend with their students. The students don’t have the anxiousness related with the first day of school because they have familiar faces coming with them. The attendance was high, especially in the lower grades.

Our Back to School Night was on August 15, 2013 and called Open House.

We are happy to communicate about your concerns. It is our desire that our community, students, and teachers are necessary to help afford educational success to all Crescent Cubs.

Meeting dates for 2013-2014:

Monday, September 23, 2013  
Monday, November 18, 2013  
Monday, February 10, 2014  
Monday, April 28, 2014

Adjourned at 4:55pm