
Ascent Academy (West Jordan)

School Land Trust Meeting Agenda/[Minutes](#)

Location: Ascent Academy - West Jordan (Main Conference Room)

Date: February 23, 2017

Time: 6:00 PM

Member's: Michael Clark, Jeff Kemp, Maria Baldwin, Windie Darrington, Byron Densley, Richelle Smith, Justin De Jong, Veronica Palma, Liz Roundhouse, Clint Barnett, Angelica Kemp, Megan Burr, Bailey Jones

In Attendance:

[Michael Clark](#), [Jeff Kemp](#), [Maria Baldwin](#), [Windie Darrington](#), [Richelle Smith](#), [Justin De Jong](#), [Liz Roundhouse](#) and [Angelica Kemp](#).

Excused Tonight:

[Byron Densley](#), [Veronica Palma](#), [Clint Barnett](#), [Megan Burr](#), and [Bailey Jones](#)

AGENDA

1) Welcome:

By [Jeff Kemp](#)

2) Approve Minutes and the following email from our 10/13/2016 Meeting

Motion: [Richelle Smith](#)

Second: [Justin De Jong](#)

Approved: 8 Yeah/0Nay

3) Follow up on assignments from October.

4) Sage Test and Results (Mr. Clark can you pull the data for us)

[Sage Interim](#) is the full Sage test given early in the year to see what has already been learned and still needs to be improved on, then the Sage Summative is given in the Spring. So far the Sage interim shows that we are looking better overall for the year compared to last year.

[5th grade](#) is struggling somewhat in Math and Science.

For Jr. High, [7th grade](#) is struggling very much in Math (only 16% proficient on the

Sage Interim). Next year we are looking at adding Math back into the Jr. High curriculum each day instead of every other day. So far it is at 90% approval, but may involve adding 2 tracks to accommodate the 9th grade so still needs more discussion before finalization.

Traditionally, our Science scores have been the lowest over all. The Upper grades (5th – Jr. High) really love the Science e-Books purchased through the State however the lower grades like the Science Weekly better (1st – 4th). Because of this we would love to look into finding a solid Science Curriculum (at least for the lower grades). However, due to the new Science Standards to be released and implemented over the next 2 years, it may not be advantageous for the school to make a large purchase of new curriculum at this time.

We also wish to find a way to educate students on why we do Standardized Tests so they realize we use scores as a way to see where we need to be stronger as teachers.

5) Digital Citizenship

There are websites online to educate people on digital Citizenship.

March 6, 2017 is our NetSmart assembly, which will fulfill our requirement for Digital Citizenship.

6) Review the Budget and expenditure approved from 10/13 to ensure that we have spent the allocated monies.

All items on the previous budget are fulfilled. The Science Lab still needs to be installed, but will be installed by the next school year.

The award amount for next year is: \$73, 815.

7) Open floor and teacher discussion of a 2017 Budget and effectiveness of:

After School Tutoring (Need to add to Ascent Website)

Suggested: \$38,000 for next year.

The teachers really appreciate After School Tutoring and feel it is very helpful for the students. However, teaching 4 days for one hour longer after a full school day has been taxing for the teacher's. Teachers do appreciate the extra pay, but to make it easier for the teacher's we could possibly cut it to 45 minutes per day instead of an hour. Another possibility is to cut it to 3 days per week, however this may not be enough of an incentive for teacher's to stay.

There also needs to be clear-cut rules for parents who send their child to After School Tutoring.

- Who is allowed to be there?

There needs to be clear-cut rules for the teacher's as well.

Proposal:

- Tutoring taught by grade level teachers, possibly rotating days as a team.
- More copies and materials need to be given to the teachers.
- Change the Tutoring classes to Math and Science for upper grades and Math and ELA for lower grades.
- Teacher Recommend for students to go to Tutoring for certain grade levels.
- Teachers would like to have a separate stipend for tutoring rather than having it put in with their regular paycheck.
- More Money

Currently teachers have already been making \$20 per hour, rather than \$15 per hour because they will not do it for \$15. The suggestion is to increase this to \$25 per hour. Wendy will come back with some ideas for solving this for the next meeting.

SEM Confratute:

Suggested: \$22,000

Planning to send 8 Teacher's this year instead of 11. All additional Network Trainings will be taught by the teachers who attend Confratute this year. These Network Trainings will only be an additional \$2000.

Additional Teacher's Aide:

This Teacher's Aide was being used to teach P.E., but as the year progressed we lost some grade level Teacher's Aides so we moved our additional Aide into a grade level position and we have not been able to fill this position yet. We are considering removing this from the budget!

Science Weekly:

This program is a wonderful supplement and the teachers seem to love it. We will look into the cost for next year.

USBE Science Curriculum Books:

Most teachers love these as well. We will plan on purchasing them again.

Mobile Science Lab:

Here, but will cost extra to install. May allocate \$2000 (\$200 per grade) for this next year.

Brain Pop:

16 responses to the survey, about ½ are using it.

The feedback we are hearing by the ones who use it is wonderful. The negative feedback may be from teachers who are not using it because they are not aware of how to use it or how interactive it really is.

We will look into this further.

GradeCam:

This tool is currently being used by 6th grade and Jr. High and the over all feeling is that it is a great program.

K-2 books:

For Reading the feeling is that we need a set curriculum. However, for K-2 needs some supplemental Reading materials. Some teachers believe that Spalding International has the materials that would help. We will continue to look into this.

8) Create a rough draft plan and budget to be completed on our following meeting

Next Meeting March 30, 2017 to complete the budget.

\$30,000 After School tutoring
\$1800 Lab Fume
\$ 22, 000 Confratute
\$? Science Weekly
\$? USBE Science Books
\$1200 Mobile Science Closet
\$2300 Brain Pop
\$1000 K-12 Reading books
\$800 GradeCam
\$2500 J.A. City
\$5000 Cluster Closet
\$2500 MVP Math
\$7500 Eureka Math Printed Books

Wendy: Tutoring

Clint: Studies Weekly

Tiffany: J.A.City

Michael: USBE Science Books

Justin: Brain Pop additional Login

No longer covering the additional Teacher's Aide

9) Other:

1. Spoke of programs that have been added to Jr. High recently to help us be competitive and to help them transition to High School smoothly and effectively. Also spoke of programs and curriculum that will be added long term to
2. Spoke of ways to entice 6th grade students to remain at Ascent Academies for Jr. High rather than returning to a regular neighborhood public school.
3. i-Ready is an online program for K-12 used by the Farmington Campus Kindergarten Teacher through a Grant as well as Moby Max. The teacher says it is more individualized and more focused. This could be a possible replacement for Moby Max. We would need to address the Board
4. J.A. City (Similar to Biz Town) is a Jr. Achievement program we will look into for Fifth Grade and Eighth Grade.
5. Computer cart for every class. Look into ways to accomplish this
6. Ways to spend \$10,000=
 - ~Cluster Closet @ a cost of approx.. \$5000.
 - ~Math Vision Project books printed each year @ a cost of \$2500.
 - ~Print the Eureka Math Printable books @ a cost of \$75,000.