Dear Community Council Members,

Thank you for serving on the 2020-2021 Fiddlers Canyon Elementary Community Council. Your service to the students, teachers, staff and community is greatly appreciated.

Several of you are new to the Community Council. We will discuss roles and responsibilities, as well as the School LAND Trust Program when we meet, but to provide a brief history, the purpose of a school community council is three-fold:

1. To build consistent, effective collaboration and communication among parents, employees and administrators
2. Provide a forum for parents to be actively involved with the school in their children's education
3. To identify academic needs and implement interventions that will measurably improve student performance.

To facilitate in implementing interventions each school within the State of Utah has been gifted Trust LANDS funds through the School Learning and Nurturing Development (LAND) Trust Program. Each school receives the district per pupil amount based on enrollment. The Land Ordinance of 1785 and the Northwest Ordinance of 1787 set aside lands to support public education. Over the years, many changes have been made to the protection and management of the trust lands. In 1994 the School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration (SITLA) was created. SITLA initiated the School LAND Trust Program to distribute land trust revenues to each school. Since 2019 the newly established Land Trusts Protection and Advocacy Office oversees 3.5 million acres and 2.5 billion dollars! Of these revenues, Fiddlers Canyon Elementary school receives per pupil funds to support improved student achievement. The past and current allocations include:

- 2016 $46,330
- 2017 $57,152
- 2018 $67,137
- 2019 $69,662
- 2020 $75,493

Each member of the Community Council serves a two-year term unless he or she is reelected to serve additional terms. The current membership list and term of membership is [linked here](#). Please make changes to your contact information or membership term if needed.

It is our responsibility, as a council to collaboratively establish a school-plan, based on student data and the area of greatest academic need, to allocate these funds to best serve all Fiddlers Canyon Elementary School students.

Currently (the 2020-2021 $75,493) funds per our approved 2020-2021 School Plan are used to support our Reading and Math goals in the following way:

**Goal 1**

- **Salaries/Benefits**
  - Reading/Math Interventionalists (5 @$9,000 each per year) 4.5 hours per day 4 days per week
  - *Art Specialist (1@$9000 per year)
  - *Librarian aid to manage take home 'baggie' books (1@$4500 per year)
- **What we have currently spent**
  - New Baggie books $1,182.11
  - Salaries/Benefits $15,042.56
- InfiniD Missions $4500.00
- TOTAL - $20,724.67

*compensation includes benefits, prep time and breaks as required. Interventionalist are current paraprofessionals working at FCES in various support capacities.

Other school funds are used to supplement compensation for these aids in their other duties. (totals are approximate and may cross over between funds (Title 1, non-categorical, Trust Land funds etc.) as needed to support current program needs)

**Total Goal 1 Trust LAND funds: $58,500**

**Goal 2**

- Technology Equipment
  - InfiniD Missions Simulations Program (Initial start up $4500)
  - Technology upgrades (outside of District support) $10,000

**Total Goal 2 Trust LAND funds $16,993**

Our responsibility for this school year is to establish a school plan for the 2021-2022 school year. We will begin this process when we meet on December 17.

A Google Drive has been set up so that we all have access to shared information. The drive can be accessed [here](#). Within this drive you will find the following Sub-Folders:

- Training Videos
- Meetings_Agendas_Minutes
- Community Council Members
- School_Safety_Digital Citizenship
- Land Trust Plan
- What is Trust Lands
- Elections
- Roles and Responsibilities

If you would like to add documents to any of these folders, please feel free to do so as each of you has editing rights. Moving forward, Agendas and Meeting Minutes will be posted here and on the school website for your review.

Due to the current health crisis, we will meet virtually, rather than on campus on December 17, 2020 to make up for the cancelled November meeting. So that each of you is able to pick up your student and return home in time, we will meet at 4:00pm via Google Meet. The link to the meeting can be accessed [here](#).

The agenda for the December 17th meeting as well as the Rules of Order and Procedure are linked for your convenience. If you would like to add an agenda item to be discusses, please access the Meetings_Agendas_Minutes folder and select Discussion Items. All entries added prior to 1 week before the meeting will be added to the agenda.

Again, thank you for serving on the Fiddlers Community Council. I look forward to seeing you all online next week.

Kind Regards,
Cat Webb