



# Good Foundations Academy

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## Community Council Meeting

January 19, 2023 @ 4:30 p.m.

**Attendees:** Jamie Walker, April Clark, Becki Bowers, Christopher Berry, Kristen Jensen, Juliene Snyder, Carina Kinser and Lisa Erwin.

**Absent:** Joshua Buxton and Andrea Meier

**Minutes By:** April Clark (Lisa Erwin recorded)

**Approval of Minutes:** Becki Bowers made a motion to approve minutes from last meeting, and Carina Kinser seconded the motion. All in attendance voted and accepted the November minutes.

**Open Forum:** Christopher Berry, a SCC member discussed concerns about morning drop off and pick up. Committee discussed possible changes to consider for morning drop off and afternoon pick-up. It was concluded there were areas of concerns during pick-up with the possibility of moving some grades to different locations but overall efficiency of drop off and pick-up is still an improvement from previous years. The following concerns were discussed with **pick-up procedures**:

- Parents creating two lanes in front of the school and around the playground.
- Congestion near the dumpsters and 2<sup>nd</sup> graders.
- Daycare vans and busses utilizing space needed to improve pick-up.
- Next Generation Extended Care pick-up and parking causes congestions and parents unwilling to follow GFA's rules for pick-up.
- **Drop-off:** Unable to see oncoming traffic while pulling out of school due to lineup of cars along the fence waiting to pull into the school. Possible need for a volunteer to direct drivers. Concluded that any traffic sign changes is a UDOT or a city concern and if parents arrived between 7:40 a.m. and 7:50 a.m. there would be less congestion of cars during those times.

Council will meet again in March to discuss other possible drop-off and pick-up procedures.

**Maturation Committee:** Discussed the need for a maturation committee as required by the state of Utah. GFA is looking for two to three parents that would be willing to volunteer for the maturation committee to review maturation curriculum. Juliene Snyder and Carina Kinser volunteered to be committee members.

**Library Committee:** Discussed the need to form a Library Materials Review committee. Mrs. Erwin provided details at both this meeting and at an earlier meeting outlining the responsibilities of the committee. The committee will deal directly with the decision of either removing or allowing a book(s) to remain in the school library. Christopher Berry, Carina Kinser, and Juliene Snyder volunteered to be part of the Library review committee. Juliene discussed a "Reading Counts" program that she would like to see implemented at GFA.

Mrs. Erwin recommended she set up a meeting with the school librarian to see if this is something that could be put in place for next year.

**School LAND Trust Plan 2023-2024.** Discussed the 2023-2024 School LAND Trust Plan goals and the purpose of setting measurable goals that would continue to increase the percentage of students that read at or above benchmark. It was proposed that 63% or more of students in k-6 will perform at or above benchmark as measured by the state Acadience DIBELS reading assessment. Reading continues to be a vital concern for Good Foundations Academy. Mrs. Erwin provided information regarding this year's Beginning of Years scores and Middle of Year reading scores which suggest there should still be an emphasis on reading.

- **Goal #1:** By the end of 2023-2024 school year, at least 63% or more students in grades Kindergarten through sixth will perform at or above benchmark as measure by the state Acadience DIBELS reading assessment.
- **Goal #2:** Improve math scores for grades K-3<sup>rd</sup> grade by 6%.

Some were concerned that 63% proficiency might be too lofty of a goal. It was decided that with our academic tier 2 support the goal would be challenging but attainable. Goal 2 was discussed and it was decided that a 1% increase from the 2022-2023 School year (from 5% to 6% ) is challenging but a reasonable goal.

It was concluded that the best way to utilize the School LAND Trust funds and to achieve these goals to continue to hire academic paraprofessionals to work individually and with small groups to provide extra support in reading and math.

Jamie motioned to approve the School Land Trust plan and April Clark second the motion. All in attendance voted to approve the School LAND Trust plan. Joshua Buxton and Andrea Meier were absent. (8-2)

We also discussed incentives, programs, and other forms of learning structures that help improve math and reading proficiencies and other areas of academics. Spelling Bees, Geography Bees, handwriting, and summer programs were a part of that particular discussion as well. It was clear and determined that these programs would not be funded by the LAND Trust grant – but just furthering the cause to help improve learning and motivation among students.

**School Safety Plan.** Discussed the school drop off and pick up. Mrs. Erwin is going to make some adjustments and the committee will meet again in March to see if the adjustments have contributed to a better flow in traffic.

**Close Meeting:** Jamie Walker motioned to close the meeting and Becki Bowers seconded the motion. All in attendance voted to close meeting. Meeting closed at approximately 5:50 p.m.

Next meeting is set for March 22, 2023 @ 4:30 p.m. at Good Foundations Academy.