



School Community Council Meeting Minutes
February 23, 2017

In Attendance:

Mark Whitaker	Lisa Gallagher	Heather Morgan
Ryan Nield	Amber Bonner	Amber Gardiner
Jose Carrillo	Sherry Kramer	Michelle Bagley
Marie Pavich	Kara Edwards	Jaime Ward
Joyce Harrison	Amy Mullins	Lynne Mower
Helena Mueller (guest)		

Excused: Brittni Smith, Misty Purser

SCC Co-Chair Heather Morgan conducted the meeting and welcomed the committee members. A motion was made by Amber Gardiner to approve the minutes from the January SCC meeting. The motion was seconded by Kara Edwards; all were in favor and the motion was unanimously carried.

Principal Mark Whitaker told the committee that he had decided against having Tom Shimmer, a standards-reference based grading advocate, speak at our March 6th professional development day. Mr. Whitaker believes we can examine our grading practices without having a guest speaker. Instead, assistant principal Lisa Gallagher and 4 teachers will be attending a grading conference in Salt Lake City. The cost of the conference is \$650 per person. Mr. Whitaker made a motion to reallocate \$3,000 in Trustland funds from Teacher Hourly Aide to Contracted Services to cover the cost of the conference and others. Committee member Michelle Bagley seconded the motion; all were in favor and the motion was unanimously carried.

Principal Mark Whitaker distributed grade and achievement data to the committee members. Copies of these data comparisons are attached to these minutes. This data is current as of February 10, 2017 and does not account for any after-quarter remediation.

There were over 16,000 referrals to our ZAP program, approximately 4,000 per quarter. We currently have about 150 7th graders in daily math classes, the remaining 350 are enrolled in every other day math. Historically, 2nd quarter has the highest rate of failing grades district wide.

The 2017-2018 proposed Trustlands budget was provided to the committee. Mr. Whitaker emailed teachers for a list of their wants and needs next year, and many responded. Those line items are contained on this proposed budget. This budget

discussion is listed on the meeting agenda as an action item in the event that the committee wishes to vote on anything.

Canvas is not a district-supported system; we currently use a free version of this program. The district is determining which student learning management system to endorse and support. Approximately 1/3 of our teachers use Mastery Connect.

One of our school improvement plan goals is to improve writing skills. A discussion was held regarding reallocating Trustlands money to cover the cost of a Chrome Book lab. We currently have approximately \$8,000 in equipment funds; a new lab costs around \$14,000. It was decided that this reallocation discussion would be tabled until March/April to allow the committee time to determine a more accurate costing and a better sense of where we are financially. Librarian Robyn Rhoton will contact Blaine Edmonds at the district to discuss the possible benefits of purchasing Chrome Box's which are less expensive than Chrome Books.

The committee's #1 priority is lowering class sizes. Mr. Whitaker proposed that we keep our school goals the same as last year with continuous improvement. Mr. Whitaker will work to tweak the budget for next year by removing the cost of the security cameras (the district is financing this item), removing the cost of 2 hourly aides and their corresponding benefits, reducing the cost of teacher microphone's to \$4,800, and removing the cost of the weather station. A preliminary estimated budget will be presented and voted on at the March SCC meeting. The final budget will be ready in August. If any committee member has comments or suggestions please email Mark Whitaker, or committee co-chairs Lisa Gallagher and Heather Morgan.

Committee member Ryan Nield was recognized and congratulated on being named Utah Assistant Principal of the Year.

Committee member Amber Bonner asked that the other SCC members reach out in their community for next year's PTSA board. The MRJH PTSA may be forced to dissolve, thus discontinuing many important programs and events, if new board membership cannot be secured.

District Council Liaison Amy Mullins requested that all SCC meeting dates be accurately reflected on the school's website, and that Board of Education member Wendy Hart be copied with all SCC emails and meeting minutes. She shared that a discussion was held at the council level regarding the increasing cost of credit card fees. While this cost may be high, the school collects significantly more money by having credit card payment options available to our families.

The members were thanked for their attendance and participation. Members who have items they wish added to next month's agenda, please email them to Mr. Whitaker, Heather Morgan, Lisa Gallagher, or Shelly May. With no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:45 p.m. until the next regularly scheduled SCC meeting on Thursday, March 16, 2017 at 1:30 p.m. in the Mountain Ridge Junior High Media Center.

2017-18 Proposed Budget Items
\$104,000 estimated

Certified Teacher **\$35,000 (\$7,000 per class)**

- Extra Periods Math/English (class size reduction)
- Read 180—7th
- Study Skills—7th, 8th

Substitute Teachers **\$3,000**

- Professional Development

Hourly Certified **\$6,000**

- Summer Collaboration
- After-school Lab (\$1,000/lab/semester)

Hourly Aide **\$37,000 (\$9,300 per aide)**

- Achievement Center
- ZAP
- Digital Curriculum
- Classroom Aide (Science)
- Student Advocates/Trackers

Benefits on Accounts (24.5%) **\$20,000**

Contracted Services **\$6,000**

- Professional Development

Supplies **\$3,000**

- Books for Read 180
- Planners for A.C.

Equipment **\$89,000**

- Ascend Math, Aleks Math, Canvas, MC (\$4,000)
- Chromebooks (\$13,000)
- Computers in Library (\$32,000)
- Cameras (\$30,000)
- Weather Station (\$2,000)
- Teacher Mics (\$8,000)

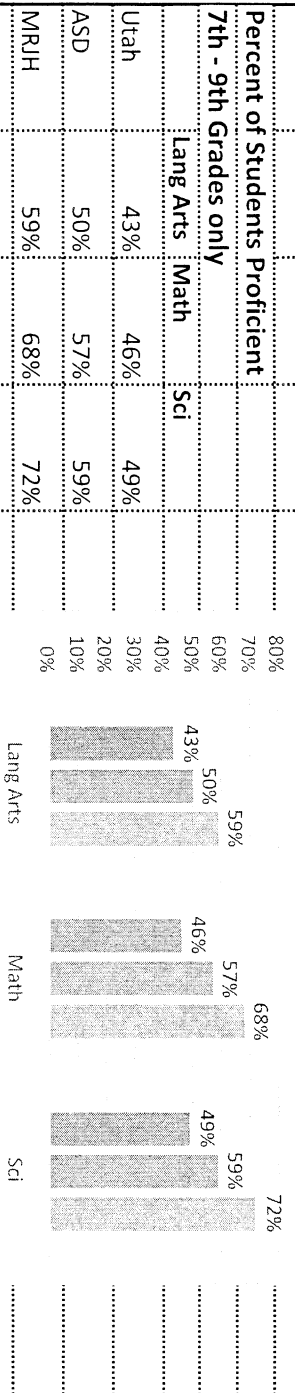
Total Requests Above **\$199,000**

Extra funds or carryover would automatically be added to Equipment for Technology and Software.

2015-16 SAGE Data

Prepared by Cathy Tom, August 29, 2016

Data taken from DataGateway



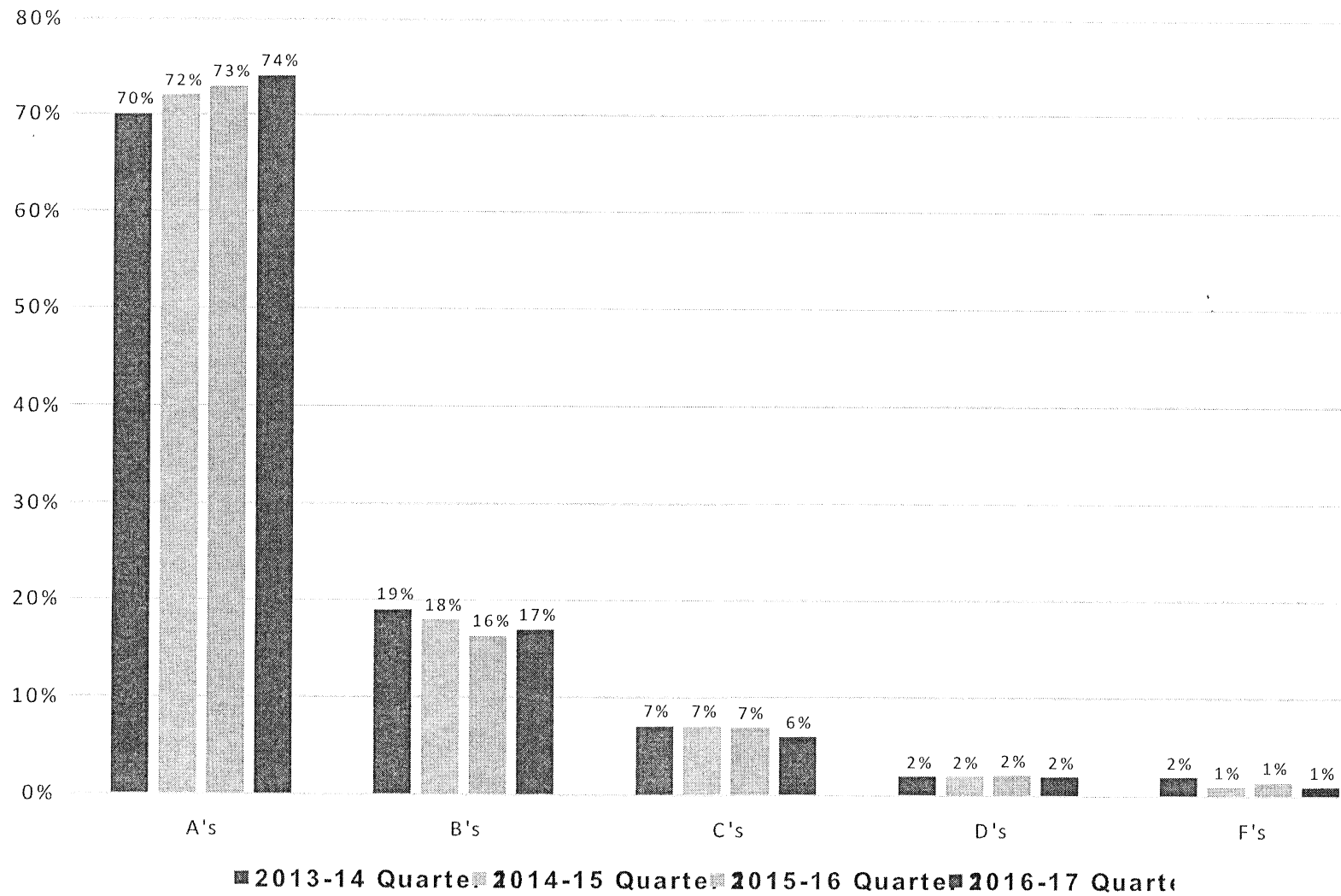
Nearby Schools to Collaborate With

	Utah	ASD	MRJH	Nearby Schools to Collaborate With
Lang 7	44%	52%	62%	Timberline, 67%; Lakeridge 64%
Lang 8	42%	48%	61%	Lakeridge 69%
Lang 9	41%	49%	53%	Lakeridge 61%, Timberline 60%
Math 7	48%	58%	75%	Timberline 69%
Math 8	45%	53%	64%	PG Jr 62%, Vista Heights 62%
Sec I	42%	51%	61%	Vista Heights 74%
Sec II	38%	44%	100%	No data available
Sci 7	47%	57%	69%	Vista Heights 68%
Sci 8	49%	60%	78%	Timberline 71%, Lehi Jr. 68%
Earth Sys	44%	50%	54%	Canyon View 67%, Lakeridge 56%
Biology	44%	53%	78%	Timberline 74%, Canyon View 69%

2017 Honor Roll Data

Student Population	Term 1	%	Term 2	%
7th (451)	279	61.7	294	65.2
8th (461)	225	48.9	236	51.2
9th (481)	314	65.3	326	67.8
Total 7-9 (1,393)	818	58.7	856	61.5

Mountain Ridge Junior High - Grade Comparison 2013-14 to 2016-17 Quarter 1 ONLY



Mountain Ridge Junior High Grade Comparison 2013-14 to 2016-17, Quarter 2 ONLY

