

Delta Elementary School Community Council

January 11, 2011

3:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order. The following members of the Delta Elementary School Community Council were in attendance: David Noah, DeAnn Burton, Robert Prince, Carol Pratt, Julie Dutson, and Alyssa Cherrington.

The group proceeded to Mary Singleton's room for a demonstration of the Interactive Whiteboard. She showed how the document camera works. Mary used her Interactive Whiteboard to take us to the Pioneer Library UEN website. Mrs. Singleton said that there are hundreds of thousands of videos on all subjects and for all grade levels on this site. Mary demonstrated handwriting on the board. She also showed us how to use the timer and ruler. Mrs. Singleton played a pod cast she had developed to help students understand word problems.

We moved to Margie Lisonbee's classroom where she demonstrated the use of her I-Pod. She also talked about her use of pod casts. Mrs. Lisonbee provides these pod casts to her absent students so they don't miss her lessons. She mentioned that the five teachers now using these Interactive Whiteboards have received extensive training.

Mr. Noah said that fourteen of the seventeen teachers who do not now have Interactive Whiteboards have asked for them. At \$1,902.29 a piece, it will take \$26,632 for this purchase.

Fourteen teachers have requested document scanners at a cost of \$560 each. The total cost for these scanners would be \$7,840.

The school would like to purchase 23 printers at a cost of about \$100 per printer. This amounts to \$2300. Ink for these printers, (2 black and 1 color) would cost approximately \$5,000.

There have been requests for student response systems (clickers). We will purchase six sets, three for the upper grades and three for the lower grades. The cost of each set is \$834. The total cost is approximately \$5,000.

Repairs for three copiers, ink and service was approximately \$6,000 last year. With the purchase of two high speed duplicators, we are hoping the cost will go down this year. We would like to spend about \$2,572 on ink and masters for the high speed duplicators.

Mrs. Burton requested a body mic to be used in her writing instruction at a cost of about \$200. She also requested materials for the Wilson Foundations Program. This phonics program has proven to be the most effective intervention program that the school has used. The cost of these materials is \$2,816.20.

Mrs. Pack has requested P.E. equipment. After several cuts to this request, we would like to purchase equipment amounting to \$1,500.

The school would like to use the majority of the \$60,000 of Trustlands money on technology. We realize that our children live in a technology world and to be successful, we need to use technology in our teaching.

Carol Pratt asked, "Why purchase the whiteboards if they are not installed?"

Mr. Noah said that the company will install these boards.

Julie Dutson asked, "Were the computers installed over Christmas?"

Much time was spent during the Christmas vacation connecting projectors, sound systems, VCR, and DVD players; but the computers were not installed. Dean Gardner has a lot on his plate, and he had emergency surgery. We do not know when the computers will be installed.

Mr. Noah contacted SEDC about Interactive Whiteboard inservice. They said they would provide training on one thing and then come back the next month to provide training on something new.

The members of the Delta Elementary Community Council approved the expenditures. The meeting was adjourned at 3:55 p.m.