

In Attendance: Amelia LeFevre, Elizabeth Julian, Andy Alldredge, Ana Sanders, and Tina Karlsson (briefly).

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**Utah Schoolwide Planning Document** was given out to all principals in the Garfield School district. The Superintendent has requested that the document be completed by the 15<sup>th</sup> of March. Elizabeth would prefer to have it complete by the 10<sup>th</sup> so there's time to make any changes if the Superintendent requests them. **We need three parents** to help complete this document along with the Principal, three Faculty Members and one Community/Business Representative.

**School Pictures** are going to be taken at Bryce Valley Schools on March 10<sup>th</sup>. It's possible to go as a school and join them to get individual and class photos taken. If we go, Elizabeth will be planning a **one-day field trip** for the students, Elizabeth, and BES staff. It would include a guided visit to **Bryce Canyon with rangers**. Bryce Canyon would provide this for free since we're a Garfield County School. Elizabeth's notes on Bryce:  
The field trip consists of a stop at our visitor center to see our award- winning film about the park, and to walk through the natural history museum. Afterwards, the students participate in a series of activity stations in which the geology, plants, wildlife and endangered species of the park are taught. Following a lunch break, students are led on a 1 hour hike through the fantastic formations of Bryce Canyon. This format can be flexible to meet school schedules.

**All field trips** need to be considered day trips because of the district's field trip policy. If any long trips are taken, such as the one to SLC, then the school day would still start at 8:30am and end at 3pm. Students would then be the responsibility of the individual families. **Only fingerprinted adults can attend the school field trips.**

All field trips need to be approved by the Superintendent and Garfield School Board. They Should be Common Core related.

Alyssa has suggested to Elizabeth that BES go **Cross Country Skiing at Bryce**. Elizabeth did inquire about when confirming March 10 available for a Bryce Canyon field trip. The rangers said that unless there was a snowstorm that week there wouldn't be enough snow. We would also then need to come up with funding..

Amelia suggested at the meeting that we do local field trips such as a visit to **Calf Creek** to see archeological sites and have a picnic.

Alyssa, Mike and Torrian have all expressed interest in taking a **BES field trip to Brian Head to go skiing**.

- cost is \$35 per person which includes 2 hours of lessons, lift ticket, and rentals
- Alyssa (Burr Trail Outpost) has offered to pay \$200 towards expenses
- Concerns:
  - Making this a rule rather than an exception field trip
  - Will the district and board support based on our age group
  - How will we cover the costs (this year and years to come)
  - Who is responsible for students (especially considering our current age group); Can we require parents attend?
    - Everyone would need to be fingerprinted
    - Who pays for parents?
    - Does every child have a parent/guardian that can go?

- Elizabeth will find out if the school group rates are available on the weekends too so that families can choose to organize a trip outside of school.
- Elizabeth will support the trip and request approval for either Monday March 21 or Tuesday March 22 if their is parent concessis for the trip.

Elizabeth options for the trip to SLC that are in the works:

- **Treehouse Museum** -- as proposed in our **Land Trust Plan for the 2015-2016 school year**. The proposed date would be April 7th with cost of \$60 through School Land Trust funds. Itinerary would be planned accordingly.
  - Possible add on would be the **Salt Lake Children's Theatre** if an April 6 date was available because of success from last year and tying it into the Treehouse and Play TEAM. We are currently on a waiting list for the 6th of April at 10am, dependent on another school/group of 80+ confirming.
    - \$5 per person with available add on outreach program (about \$6-8 per person) -- either behind scenes tour or workshop
- Elizabeth also brought up that we need to be aware that the SLC trip cannot be the norm due to funding and special school board approval. We planned it in our Trust Land budget because it is larger than normal this year due to many years of carry-over.

**Garfield School District Agriculture and Farm Day**, all Garfield County School District Elementary Schools are invited in May and it takes place in Panguitch. The date has yet to be decided.

Elizabeth presented notes on what other Garfield District schools do as field trips for comparison:

- bryce valley elementary
  - brian head -- 5th & 6th reward trip end of march first of april (after 3rd quarter grades, students must have B or higher, no missed homework or other assignments, etc.)
  - all other trips need to be related to the common core by grade level and can only go within one hour drive of BVES
- antimony elementary
  - never brian head
  - museums only -- relating to common core between grades
  - ag/farm day
- panguitch elementary
  - no brian head field trip -- no reward field trips
  - fremont indian museum
  - bryce valley
  - 1st grade to bryce canyon
  - 1st grade go to a pumpkin farm by richfield
  - most classes no field trips
- escalante elementary
  - no brian head this year
  - teachers do not support field trips in general

Events being planned at Boulder Elementary School that Elizabeth has been planning:

- Discovery Gateway -- possibly in April sometime
- Clark Planetarium -- March 7 at 1:30
- Happy Science Guy, Robert Krampf, a recommendation from Torrian. Conversations have only begun, hopeful something will come together. ; TBA

- PLAY Team -- The theatre dept at SUU has put together an advanced group of students/teaching interns under the direction of Michael Bahr. They are called the PLAY Team - Performance Learning for Active Youth. They have put together a program where they could come out one day in the Fall and another day in the Spring. The day would include a 30-40 minute play presentation by them based on a classic children's story. We suggested they perform just before lunch. Then after lunch they will work with K-3 then 4-6 for 30 minutes each teaching the kids theatre games, exercises, and activities. Then they would bring all the kids together and create a short play for your students and the PLAY team to perform together. (This is something Elizabeth would invite the public to attend)
- - Provided by a Grant that Elizabeth has already confirmed and worked on earlier this year.

Instead of making any decisions on field trips at the meeting, we created a list of questions that would be included in an **online survey for parents to complete** by next Monday in order to make more informed decisions.

**School lunches** are going well. Financially, BES is breaking even on food costs. Tina has been subbing for Garin the last two and a half weeks while he and Haylee are out of town. Elizabeth hasn't received a **breakdown of costs** from Garin as part of his hiring agreement. This would help find ways to save enough money in order to create **reduced and free lunches for students in need**. Also, Garin is paid for two hours of work per day, and Elizabeth would like to receive **approval from the district to pay him for more time** to do his job on a daily basis.

Elizabeth's notes on **School Land Trust**, also being added to parent survey:

- Treehouse Museum, will this happen?
- Library Project, can we put this as a priority for next year's plan?
- What additional goals do we have for our new plan?
- Who wants to be on a committee to complete the new plan? First draft needs to be completed by March 15 and approved during our April meeting.

**Next Meeting, Wednesday, April 6<sup>th</sup> if we continue with the Tree House Museum, the date would need to be changed!**