

Land Trust Meeting #3

Date 2/13/26

Time: 11:30

Location: Ascent Academy - West Jordan Campus, Conference Room

Staff Present: Maria Denslow

Parent Present: Julie Barrett, Sarah Smith, Shannon Leyba, Korry Wagstaff

Also Present: Kathy Butkovich (principal)

Not Present: Chris Fuller (viceprincipal)

Call to order:

Minutes were read and approved

Agenda/Minutes

The current test scores from MOY have not been delivered to the school yet. We talk a lot about the growth. We may not be where the state wants us, but we look at growth & achievement. Our English, Math, and Science rates are low. Our Growth in English is 58.2% growth. Math up 54.2 Science 51.5. Only 20.4% of students are on grade level, but there was 52.7% growth.

Current scores show we are above the state average in english, math, and science.

Went over the funds available for spending. We reviewed the proposed spending from what was used last year. There is a conference in CT for teacher training for the SEM/cluster classes. This year there is a proposed budget to send 4 teachers and 1 leadership. Budget goes toward salaris & benefits, professional development, technology (cameras for yearbook), expendable items (paper, art supplies, updating Benchmark advanced program, math manipulatives, decodable readers, etc) including curriculum subscriptions, cluster supplies.

Off subject, do the parents feel like we get overloaded with notifications on Parent Square. Sarah, Julie, and Korry mentioned that we don't mind being asked for donations.

The proposed budget follows the budget from last year with increased funds for the professional development. Teachers use the legislature funds to buy things for cooking, science, art classes; then the rest is covered from general school budget. School budget 60 15, 45, 22

Motion passed to approve proposed spending plan.

Action Items:

Kathy will ask Kerrie to add supply donations to the newsletter for clusters.
Next meeting we can draft goals for 2026-2027 on March 20th at 11:30

Land Trust Meeting #2

Date: 12/12/2025

Time: 11:30

Location: Ascent Academy - West Jordan Campus, Conference Room

Staff Present: Maria Denslow

Parent Present: Julie Barrett, Sarah Smith, Shannon Leyba

Also Present: Kathy Butkovich (principal), Chris Fuller (vice principal)

Not present: Korry Wagstaff

Call to order: Sarah Smith, 2nd Julie Barrett

Minutes were read and approved

Agenda/Minutes:

Data from the last school year was reviewed and definitions of the Tiers was provided:

- Tier 1 instruction is for all students
- Tier 2 includes small groups
- Tier 3 includes small groups and one on one instruction.

We want to see students in Tiers 2 & 3 bumped up. The goal is to see the percentage of students in Tier 3 decreased from Beginning of Year (BOY) to End of Year (EOY). Part of the gap in tiers may be due to the number of students with English as a second language.

We have the results for BOY testing and want to review Middle of Year (MOY) in the next meeting.

Retention rates were reviewed and it was noted that retention has increased over time. There is a PR person who started three years ago to help with recruiting. We have been great in the past with recruiting, but not retaining. One of the main reasons for focusing on events that involve the community to help our retention numbers.

Action Items:

Kathy will share BOY & MOY 25-26 testing data with Julie so she can make charts for comparison at the next meeting.

Julie will meet with Kathy about trying to increase parental involvement.

Next meeting is scheduled for Feb. 13th, 2026. We will discuss a plan and goals at this meeting.

Land Trust Meeting #1

Date: 10/10/2025

Time: 11:30

Location: Ascent Academy - West Jordan Campus, Conference Room

Staff Present: Maria Denslow

Parent Present: Julie Barrett, Sarah Smith, Korry Wagstaff, Shannon Leyba

Also Present: Kathy Butkovich (principal), Chris Fuller (vice principal)

Agenda

The team reviewed the Utah School and Institute Land Trust video provided by the state.

The team reviewed the election procedures for charter councils video.

The team used Robert's rule of order to nominate the following people:

Chairperson: **Sarah Smith**

Vice-Chair: **Korry Wagstaff**

Secretary: **Julie Barrett**

Bylaws were reviewed.

The Rules of Order and Procedure (bylaws) video was reviewed.

The team reviewed the Council Duties, Council Member Expectations, and Rules of Procedures. These will be reviewed by the Land Trust team (Kathy Butkovich will send them to each member for them to review).

Sarah Smith brought forth the importance of getting Land Trust information out to parents. She mentioned that she would be willing to help with this.

Current Plan:

The Current Year Plan was reviewed, including spending allocations.

The team mentioned that they would want BOY, EOY, and then BOY (following year) data to review how effective funds are allocated.

Future meeting dates: Friday afternoon was agreed upon as the best meeting time - 12/12, 02/13, 04/17 and 05/15 (If needed).

A Friday (10/17) Zoom meeting will be set up to allow time for members to review Council Duties, Council Member Expectations, and Rules of Procedures.