

Bennion School Community Council Agenda

April 13, 2022

Attendance: Lynette Andrew, Maria Bryan, Angela Wayman, Seth Metcalf, Brandy Hamstra, Jane McClure

Visitor: Sandra Hemmert

STEAM SCHOOL discussion:

Is there any funding for a STEM SCHOOL?

Kelli Yeates at the STEM ACTION CENTER has some funding for this. Legos and Robotic kits would also be included.

The goal of STEM is to help kids become connected to the world we live in.

COMPUTER SCIENCE option: There will be a grant opportunity for 10 Elementary Schools to start computer Science next year. There is an option for one teacher per grade to introduce this. Or all teachers could do this as well. One major benefit that this will give teachers, is with the new MATH program starting next year, there will be math integration with the Computer Science. Meaning that lessons will already be set up. This will not only benefit students, but it will also benefit the teachers.

Coding is the #1 language around the world. Not Spanish, English, Mandarin etc. Having a STEM and Digital Science Program will allow be a gateway for our students and for our school. With many of the schools around us with special programs, we have to be willing diversify the learning at our school, so we are able to continue to keep our students here. Online learning, Charter Schools, Dual immersion schools and the ALC Program continue to take students that we would love to stay here at Bennion Elementary.

STEM: Rigorous learning, engineering design process. The goal is to make students enjoy school. There is a statistic that if children enjoy math by age 3rd grade, they will succeed in math. If the student does not like math by 3rd grade, they will struggle with it all through school.

Along with the STEM program, here is a a BYU professor who comes and allows kids to do some activities

In order to be selected to be a STEM school, we have to be show that we are working towards that goal. The Computer Science opportunity would be a great addition to show we are willing and working towards that goal.