

# **Bennion Community Council Minutes**

Wednesday, January 28, 2015

## **1. Welcome/Call to Order:** Sarah Scriver

In Attendance: Sarah Scriver, Whitney Afoa, Candace Garcia, Rod Horton. Visitors; Sarah Meier, Andrea Woodward, Sarah Noel.

## **2. Council Business Items:**

Turned time over to Sarah Meier from the district. She thanked us for our efforts to serve on the council and to encourage getting more people involved. To let our friends know how important it is that we have parents working with school staff to use Sand Trust Funds.

Parents reported on parent portal: Parents in attendance find that it is helpful in tracking their student's schoolwork. Visiting Parent expressed that she like the new updates to the portal.

Encouraged members to join the Facebook Community Council Forum for more communication between different Councils.

## **3. Turn Time to Mr. Horton:**

Land Trust Budget, Plan Expenditures; Principles have been encouraged to spend all of their Land Trust money. He purposed that we add Tutoring (Science and Math), Social Studies PLC, GT and Honors' Newsletter, and replacing the Marquee. The currant Marquee's letters are too small to read while driving so communication with parents is not good. Voting in the affirmative: Sarah Scriver Whitney Afoa, Candace Garcia, and Rod Horton.

Proposed Junior High Schedule; Mr. Horton gave us information on the new scheduling for Junior High schools it is called 5 by 5. Students would have five classes each day. Doubling up on English, Science and Math. This drops the class size but requires more teachers. It also gives the students more opportunities for electives. Mr. Horton likes our currant schedule but does not rule out changing at a later date.

Chinese Dual Immersion Program; We will have 37 students coming from Calvin Smith Elementary next year who are the first of the Dual Immersion Program. This means that we will need to add another Chinese class. The ones we have will not accommodate these students. This will need to change each year as they progress through Junior High.

Other Business; Mr. Horton asked for our opinion on the pamphlet to be used for show casing the Junior High at Bennion on Parade. It was decided that we all liked the

tri-fold vs. the single fold but that we liked the set up of the information on the single fold.

**4. Other/Questions from the Community or Council:**

Visitor asked if we were going to use a program used the Elementary for encouraging and award good behavior and student morale. We have discussed this and feel that the program we are currently using is more appropriate for Junior High age students.

Mr. Horton explained that we have a School Mission Character Development 1. Attitude 2. Effort each month every teacher chooses a student to recognize for his or her efforts in class #. Top Cats are given at least 2 a week to students that are caught doing something good.

**5. Pending Assignments for next Month:** None

**6. Motion to Adjourn Until February 25, 2015 at 3:15:**

Motion made by Sarah Scriver Seconded by Mr. Horton