Bennion Community Council
Minutes from May 3, 2017 @ 3:00 pm
Held in Bennion’s Library

1. Welcome/call to order: Sarah Noel
   Take roll: Parents    School Personnel    Visitors    Excused Parents
   Christy Richards    Rod Horton    Christi Reed    Tyrone Fields
   Laura Richins      Whitney Afoa     Richard Blair  Allie Duffy
   Janalyn Hansen     Kelly LaMont
   Sarah Noel

2. Council Business Items: Counselor Update, Busy Street Issue, Additional School Internet Safety, & Drug Issue
   -Christi Reed talked about Bennion’s response to the Netflix series 13 Reasons Why concerning suicide. Yesterday the HOPE Squad had and activity to get the students the help they need for suicide prevention. They went over 13 talking points of the series and focusing on 4 points. 1) Suicide is not a common response to life’s challenges or adversity. 2) Suicide is never a heroic or romantic act. 3) While not everyone will know what to say or have a helpful reaction, there are people who do, so keep trying to find someone who will help. 4) When you die you do not get to make a movie or talk to people anymore. Out of 36 students 4 didn’t know about the movie at all and 15 had seen it with their parent knowing.
   -Safe Utah App was introduced so students would know where to get help anonymously and counselors could monitor.
   -The HOPE Squad is student driven and they are nominated by the PLT. They are to be a trusted persons that someone would feel comfortable talking to.

   -For the Busy Street Issue, 2 signs were posted on the north parking lot drive way. “Watch for Student-Do Not Block Sidewalk”

   -We looked at 3 different School Internet Safety information pages. We liked “Knowing what’s on your child’s Smartphone” by the District and the letter we created. The District’s page gives the parents what the texts mean and some resources. Our page gave the parents a resource to use to block content on their student’s phone. We would like to put them both on our web-page.

   - Janalyn talked about the rising drug use in the neighborhood. Per Rod, the best success in catching the students is to have students report information the day it happens. This gives the school probable cause to call student in.
   -The consequence for tobacco use is 1 day out with restriction from activities and drug/alcohol use 3 day suspension for 1st offense and 45 days for 2nd.
   -We would like teachers to get training about Drugs: what it smells like, looks like, and what homemade pipes/foil look like.
   -Rod will check with School Resource and Unified Police to see what training they can do for teachers. This would also help to train parents on the effects of drugs, tobacco, alcohol, and Rx drugs in Jr. High and High School.

3. Turn time over to Mr. Horton: Land Trust Money, SCC Remaining, & SCC Vacancies and Fall Election
   -By email SCC approved Trust Land money being changed from Conf Registration/Travel/Teacher Hourly to Library Books. Books for the Spanish Teachers were purchased by May 1st.
   -SCC Remaining for next year: Laura, Kelly, Janalyn, Christy, Whitney, and Rod
   -There are 3 SCC vacancies for next year that will be announced and candidates requested by May 15th by phone system. Elections will be held September 18-20.

4. Other/Questions for the Community or Council Members:
   -JA-Today.com survey/input requested about Redwood Road (Corridor) use. Sarah take JA Today survey and if it does not ask for personal information share it with PTA, Laura, Janalyn, Christy & Rod.
   -Our Schools Now is requesting volunteer to get signatures on ballot. Per Christy, Ben Horsely says it’s a good thing but it will happen at the same time we vote on the District’s Plan for Long-Term Facility. At this time we would like to focus on Long-Term Facility Plan and not “Our Schools Now”.

5. Approved minutes from 3/15 Laura 1st Motioned and Whitney 2nd

6. Next meeting will be September 27, 2017 at 3:00 pm. Sarah 1st Motioned and Whitney 2nd All Agreed Adjourn: 4:10 pm
   These May 3rd minutes were approved by email May 18, 2017. Christ 1st motioned to approve and Rod 2nd it.