

Bennion Jr. High Community Council

Meeting minutes for 9/19/2018 – 3:30pm

In attendance: Christy Richards, Whitney Afoa, Rebekah Pitts, Wendy Lovell, Mary Anne Stevens, Richie Blair, Michelle Benson, Brandalyn Seaman, Nicole McDermott, Steve Hogan, Carrie Johnson

We did not have enough parents to vote on anything, so the council will need to be reorganized next month, Brandalyn has agreed to prepare the agenda and chair next month. Rules of order and procedure will be adopted next month as well. It was recommended that we should change them from the standard to one that includes a way to remove inactive parents from the council and replace them.

The parents returning to the council this year are: Melinda Burg, Rebekah Pitts, Michelle Benson, & Brandalyn Seaman. Whitney Afoa and Richie Blair will stay on the council as the faculty with Mary Anne Stevens as principal. We had 16 parents sign up to be members of the council. There is some uncertainty as to whether they knew what they were signing up for so Principal Stevens will have the secretary reach out to them to find out who really wants to be a member of the council and then elections will be held if needed.

Steven Hogan presented about the Arcadia Boundary change. It was approved and will start fall of 2019 school year. It will eventually bring in an additional 160-170 students to Bennion over a 2-3 year period. The SNAP map will need to be updated this year to include them. Steve is willing to come back as often as needed this year to help facilitate this and answer any questions. His email is snhogan@graniteschools.org. Bennion should see about 75-100 students from Arcadia next fall.

Ben Horsley presented on the process of Reconfiguration. It is up to the Communities, all he does is facilitate and help with informational meetings and questions. He is emailing an infographic showing the process. Some concerns were expressed regarding Taylorsville High School not having enough room to support the 9th grade. This will be alleviated by the new wing they have scheduled to build in 2022-2023, but if the configuration happens before then, it can be specified that it doesn't take place until the wing is built, or they can bring in Relos until it is finished. If the 6th grade is brought up to the Jr. High, then to help with concerns about the Chinese dual immersion, we should ask Sherry Sorenson to come talk about what they have done that works. Elementary schools are talking about moving 6th grade up with Calvin Smith meeting with Ben next month.

Things for next month's agenda: Walking route change for arcadia, a possible Informal Meeting for Ben Horsley to present the reconfiguration process and answer questions with the Community Councils of Eisenhower, Bennion, & Taylorsville.

Christy motioned to adjourn until Oct. 24, 2018 at 3:15, Whitney seconded and the voting was unanimous.