

Bennion Junior High Community Council Agenda

DATE, January 27, @ 3:15 p.m.

1. Welcome:

Attendance: Angela Wayman, Ashley Gray, Chelsea Walker, Mary Ann Stevens, Sue Phillips, Whitney Afoa, Stephanie Harding, Brandalyn Seaman, Nicole McDermott, Michelle Benson

Visitors:

Not in attendance:

2. Approval of minutes from last meeting (Emailed prior)

Motion to approve: Sue Phillips

Seconded: **Chelsea Walker**

All in favor: **unanimous**

3. Counselor update: Registration - How is 6th grade registration going? Elementary principals thought it went well. All online with a paper copy for parents to sign and bring back. New way to attach forms for distance learners who didn't have registration cards in yet. Worried about parents being upset about not being able to attend, but they seemed to understand.

4. Principal Report / School and TrustLands/Digital safety/Health and safety/Positive

Behavior plan/ Update / Business:

TrustLand budget and TSSA budget are looking good. Balance changes for salaries may be made, but it looks like we are in line to get the money spent in the right places.

5. New business: Staffing of teachers for reconfiguration. Teachers going to the high school and teachers coming to Jr. High from Elementary schools

Covid cases in the school are higher than they have been.

How many teachers going to the high school? Any teacher with at least 1 ninth grade

class had the option to go to the high school. January 15th was the deadline for them to

decide. Six teachers are going to Taylorsville. Five of them are core teachers. Five

teachers accepted to come to the Jr. high from the elementary schools. Still shuffling

and getting ready to hire.

Covid numbers are high. Not one student who has had to quarantine has come back with positive covid results. We don't know if the district would do a test to return like the high schools. Done some testing for the play.

6. Follow up business:

7. Other Items / Questions for the Community or Council Members:

Any spring activities in the works for distance learners to come and interact? Not right now, still waiting to see with the pandemic. No more sports this year. Possibly track? No assemblies planned. Eighth graders might like a day because they are leaving as well. Possibly a field day or something else outside?

Nicole-If we do reach the 15 threshold for Covid cases, we can do a test to stay plan.

There is concern that the high schools are not communicating with the jr high parents about the reconfiguration change. Save the date sent out from the high school and elementary schools also sent out information. An e-mail went out to all 8th and 9th graders today that don't have a card in yet, explaining the courses to help them.

In the process of getting a new superintendent. Applications will open soon and be open until March. Hopefully have the selection done in April. Questions and comments are welcomed.

Bond payment is shifting. There will be a tax levy instead of a debt service and will look like taxes go up, but there is a tax break elsewhere so it will even out. Let your neighbors know!

How will we help 5th and 6th graders feel comfortable in the school? Sections of the students can come but not all together. One day for 6th and one for 5th in August to come in and look around. Fridays may not be a good day because we are a designated vaccination school and there will be lots of people here. There will be an open house and

an opportunity for the kids. Lockers are still up in the air, but there are principals who will not go back to lockers. Maybe let the parents know that in addition to the open houses there are opportunities to come to the school? If there are certain groups that need lockers, they can be provided for them.

Calendar survey still out. Please fill it out so there is representation from all different networks.

Question about test to stay- who administers the tests? Administrators, nurses, district people, office staff have received training to do the testing. Teachers will not have to do the testing or any kind of training.

8. Assignments / Issues to discuss at next meeting:

Motion to adjourn: Brandalyn Seconded: All in favor:

Next meeting: **DATE February 24 @ 3:15**