

Bennion Jr. High Community Council Minutes

Date: April 27, 2022

1. Attendance: Visitors: Kellie Yates, Nicole McDermott
2. Approval of minutes from the last meeting
Motion to approve: Ryan Davidson **seconded:** Whitney Afoa **All in favor:** YES
3. Counselor Update: Discuss Digital Citizenship and how to improve it. We need more than just Netsmartz.

There was a new Counselor hired for next year.

Parent breakouts during back to school night with a focus on digital safety. What will orientation look like?

-6th grade will have their own portion

We need more than Netsmartz – Some other options we discussed are to: Contact the police- see what they use and see what training is available, Cyber Security Alliance, Common Sense, Rachel knows someone who knows and likes what has been used at their school. Find out more info. Ask Ben Horsley.

4. STEM INFORMATION – Visitor Kelli Yates came and talked to us about what it takes to become a STEM School. Some pros and cons and what it would do for us if we did decide to do so.
 - Current STEM schools in the Granite School District: Armstrong Academy, Eastwood Elementary, Gearld Wright Elementary.
 - Kelli is part of the STEM Action Center – STEM School designations. STEM looks different at every school and that is a good thing. WE can borrow ideas from other schools if we want to. Critical and creative thinking skills are used in STEM schools and in all areas.
 - 37 scores are evaluated and yes!!! We can keep our ARTS.
 - What does it look like to teachers?
Teachers would work together so that their curriculum used in math, science and English. If we have arts, they could use music from a country that the students are learning about. All teachers would need to know and understand that we are doing STEM as a school.
 - There is a school portfolio that would need built. This helps the STEM Action Center and us to see how our school is doing. It allows us to do a self evaluation as well. There is a Rubric for us to look at as guidance.
 - STEM Designation lasts for 5 years. You can reuse the portfolio and change a few things here and there.
 - Schools are graded Platinum, Gold, Silver and bronze. This shows how we are doing as a school.
 - What resources are available?
STEM.UTAH.GOV TAB educators Stem school Designation portfolio

Cons-Takes time and preparation – Commitment (parents help make it easier)

Pros – Access from STEM Community – Demonstrates to teachers what they are doing is good and correct. Validity to teachers and community

It usually takes a year to start up. Timeline

October –your intent to apply due

January – portfolio due

Feb - Engineering Design – are you doing what your portfolio says

April - Approval