

Eisenhower Community Council

January 8, 2020

Media Center

In attendance:

Maria Miles parent/ District Community Council rep	Sue Weierman teacher/ Comm. Council Co-Chair
Andra Taylor parent	Tere Gerber school counselor
Mike Valdez teacher	Dave Andrews parent
Sabrina Perkins parent	Jason Trolt parent
Christine Anderson teacher	Kammie Jones parent
Mark Ellermeier principal	Hillary Dalton parent/ PTSA Pres. / CC Secretary
Betsy Valora parent/ School aide/ Community Council Chairperson	Brandalyn Seaman (visitor)
Dave Young parent	Danielle Pugh parent

Betsy Valora called the meeting to order and made a motion to approve last month's minutes. Kammie Jones seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

The School LAND trust plan online report (12/18) said 2018-2019. That has been updated.

In the Utah School Report Card there are no letter grades but Eisenhower are progressing similar to other west side schools. We are "developing" and "typical". Eisenhower has a lot of ESL students so there is a need for more full time ESL teachers.

There have been no further complaints about parent drop-off/ pick-up.

On Thursday, January 9, there was an assembly for 7th and 9th grade students. Professor Guiora, son of Holocaust survivors and professor at the University of Utah spoke about how the holocaust is relatable to students today. It was a success and so we are hopeful to have him speak again.

Eisenhower Showcase and 7th grade registration was on January 15th. Thank you to the parent volunteers and staff members who helped with registration.

Registration for in-coming 8th graders will be January 21st-22nd.

Registration for in-coming 9th graders will be January 28th-29th.

The high school will be coming to register the in-coming sophomores on January 23rd-24th.

The PTSA will be feeding teachers lunch on Thursday, March 19th.

The Granite School District Calendar Survey has been sent out. Please take some time to pick one of two options.

The National Junior Honor Society has been suspended at Eisenhower, as there were no letter grades for 7th and 8th graders. Ninth graders are allowed to join the high school students BUT have missed the deadline. Because of the interest, Mr. Ellermeier will pay for the charter so that 9th grade students can join.

There were over 500 students at Eisenhower who received recognition for either getting +25 on their RI reading scores OR were advanced readers. Great job students AND teachers!

Vision Statements from the elementary, jr. high and high schools will be sent out via email to all parents within the next two weeks. A phone survey will follow, but not everyone will be asked to participate.

There have been changes to the ACT. They are now allowed to retake one section if they are interested in raising that particular section's score. Online scoring will now be an option, as well, for immediate results.

Upcoming Events:

January 23- GTI Open House

January 27-31 Spirit Week

February 7- Job Shadow Day, 7th grade

February 12-13 Parent/ Teacher Conference

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 5th at 3:15p.m.

For those involved in the community council, please watch this video about digital citizenship and the School safety plan: <https://youtu.be/oWfSMpozaHM>

Eisenhower is submitting their vision statement to the district for the Taylorsville network reconfiguration. The next step is a survey that the District will be distributing.

The school is trying to decide whether cancelling Advisory is a good thing or not. There are mixed reviews from teachers. If a student needs help they can still go to the class they are struggling in, during advisory. Some students aren't going to the class they need help in because there are already students in room and they may be feeling intimidated. Are the teachers checking students cards to see if they NEED to go to another class? Or COULD they?

Proficiency Based Grading update: Teachers have been reminded that “4’s” are not an impossibility and that they should be allowed. A comment was made that seemed to infer that teachers needed more training. Sue Weierman stated that the problem isn’t with the teachers. The problem is with the program itself.

Mr. Ellermeier and Dave Andrews talked about the student drop off situation. There are parents who are still insisting on dropping their children off in the Faculty parking, they are parking in the drop off “loop” and some parents are very confrontational when approached. While Mr. Ellermeier agrees that there are major problems and safety concerns with student drop-off, he just doesn’t have enough manpower to solve the problem, especially when parents get confrontational. Dave Andrews volunteered to put on a yellow vest and help with parking at least for a few days. 😊 Thanks Dave!

The Blood Drive on December 6th was a success. There were 32 donors and 29 units of blood donated. According to Amanda Johnson who spear-headed this project, it is enough blood to help 87 people!

At the last board meeting it was announced that Westbrook and Carl Sandburg elementary schools will be closing. It is unknown if Eisenhower will be affected by these closures.

Afterschool tutoring is available through Gear UP and YMCA. If your student needs extra help please contact them.

Eisenhower Showcase and 7th grade registration is January 15th at 6:00 p.m. Parent volunteers are needed!! Volunteers need to be there at 5:30 p.m.

Registration for the 2020-2021 school year will be finished by the end of January. Yay counseling center!

PTSA was able to help with vision screening for the 7th and 9th graders. They were also able to buy a loaf of bread (from Great Harvest) for each staff member for Christmas.

There is no NJHS because there are no grades. However, ninth graders are allowed to join NHS at Taylorsville. Contact Ms. Butterfield at the high school if you have questions.

Upcoming Events:

January 8 Community Council, 3:15 p.m., Media Center

January 10 End of Term, No School for Students

January 15 Eisenhower Showcase and 7th grade Registration