

Community Council Minutes

09/13/2023

In attendance:

Merri Rygg (parent)

Teri Gerber (counselor, vice chairperson)

Ashley George (parent, chairperson)

Wes Cutler (principal)

Hillary Dalton (parent, secretary)

Bonnie Madrigal (parent, teacher)

* Meeting was opened with a welcome from Principal Cutler.

* Ashley George was elected chairperson, Tere Gerber was elected vice-chair, and Hillary Dalton was elected secretary. The voting was unanimously in favor of these elections.

* Principal Cutler gave us a summary of the start of the school year. In his opinion it was wonderful.

-There have been no fights, a couple of simple assaults (punches), and a few vapes found. Sixth grade orientation was held the Friday before school started and was well-attended. 240 out of 318 sixth graders attended with their parents.

-The new FOCUS system has been pretty good, for the most part.

- Enrollment is UP! The student body was projected at 961 and we currently have 1001 students. The grade breakdown is as follows: 6th grade: 319, 7th grade: 403, 8th grade 345.

- There are many new clubs, groups and intramurals starting: Dungeons and Dragons, Knitting, Chess Society, Mesa, Esports and TSA to name a few.

* There will be a school-wide field trip on September 14, 2023. The 6th grade will be at the planetarium to learn about moon phases which will support their science curriculum this year. 7th grade will be going to the state capital. They will hear from 5 legislators and a school board member. They will also visit several museums that are close to the capitol. The 8th grade will attend the Utah State Fair.

* Budgets and Land Trust

-ESSER budget this year is \$236,496.46. This must be spent this school year. Mr. Cutler is spending between \$10,000 and \$20,000 to update the school library and \$20,000 to buy new musical instruments for the band and orchestra. Mr. Cutler would also like to hire a contract sub for ½ year for English to bring ELL class sizes down.

- In the Land Trust budget, we currently have \$192,129.06 to spend. We decided at the end of last year that we would spend \$36,000 on .5 of a science teacher (Jesse Siefker) and \$40,546.71 on .5 of a science teacher (Addie Reynolds). Mr. Cutler proposed 4 additional amendments.

1) \$44,328.82 on .5 of a math teacher (Amy Burton)

2) \$10,730 on I-Ready Math curriculum for the school

3) \$29,932.80 on 120 G-9 Chromebooks (\$249.44 each)

4) \$21,000 on tutoring for math/science/English

5) \$9,919.69 on 7th grade English class (Ms. Harmon agreed to give up her extra period)

This Land Trust Amendment was voted on and passed unanimously.

*The proposed meeting schedule is as follows: 10/11/2023, 11/08/2023/, 1/10/2024, 2/14/2024, 3/13/2024, 4/10/2024, 5/08/2024.

*Meeting was adjourned.