

David Gourley Elementary Community Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, August 24, 2017

Attendance: Brandon Jones, Shellie Averett, Allesen Peck

Chairman Jones called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m. The first item on the agenda was council membership for the coming year. Principal Peck reported that one parent had completed the candidacy form at the end of the school year; however, that parent had since moved from the school boundaries. With no other candidacy forms being received, the council determined that no election would be needed. The one parent vacancy will be filled by appointment. This will be an agenda item for the September meeting. Principal Peck reported that Cindy Jewkes was elected by the faculty to represent them on the council this year.

Principal Peck shared with the council a copy of the school's Title 1 Plan and reviewed the goals for Math and Reading achievement (55% proficiency in both subjects). She shared that the school's budget was dramatically cut this year, causing a teacher to be surplussed the week before school beginning. The budget cut was due to reduced funds coming to the district from the State of Utah. Additionally, fewer parents applied for the federal lunch program this year reducing the amount of Title 1 funding coming into the school. Chairman Jones suggested the council draft a letter to parents outlining the role of the council and also making them aware of how the school receives funding and encouraging parents to complete the federal lunch application.

Principal Peck reported that the mobile food pantry would once again be providing services to our community this year. We were hoping for a stationary pantry, but that did not materialize for us. She also shared that the school has a partnership with United Way this year. A school coordinator, Cat Rogers, has been hired by United Way to help locate community resource to support the school with their goals and needs. We are very happy to have this partnership and believe it will be of benefit to our students and community.

Finally, the council discussed dates for our monthly meetings. It was determined that community council meetings would be held on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 3:30 p.m., in the school media center. If the meeting conflicted with the food pantry visit, we would find an alternative date for the meeting.

The council meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.