

Olympus Junior High Community Council Minutes

March 9, 2015

3:00pm, OJH Conference Room

Present: Carole Harris, Jim Sheets, Jen Wunderli, Jane Nate, Tina Seastrand, Margit Caine, Natalie Boss, Katie Graham

Meeting Opened: 3:04

- 1) Jim Sheets motioned to approve February 2015 minutes. Jane Nate seconded. Minutes passed.

- 2) Land Trust Funds: Our projected budget is \$47,052. FTE – lower class sizes in math. Buy technology – additional ChromeBooks and several scanners to use with ExamView, “the computer program for common formative assessments.” OJH already owns ExamView, and is prepping to use it. We also currently own a full set of ChromeBooks and are borrowing a second set from the district (used for testing only). Faculty will train on ChromeBooks very soon.

- 3) PTA monies are available for teacher grants. The application period is currently in process. Approximately 65% of the PTA budget goes back to teachers. This year, \$7 – 8,000 will fund teacher grants.

- 4) Block Schedule, 5X5. The Granite School District has largely moved to the 5X5 block schedule. Only Wasatch Jr., Hunter Jr., and OJH are not on 5X5 block where classes alternate every other day with class periods of approximately 72 minutes each. Evergreen Jr. is currently on 4X4 but will switch to 5X5 next school year. The District is asking junior highs to come in on the same level, though they aren’t mandating it at this time. Benefits of 5X5: extended class time in math and English, high achieving students will be able to take more elective classes, increased teacher collaboration especially in core classes, works well for Intervention (struggling students). Carole noted increased student achievement at her former junior high school on 5X5.

- 5) Katie Graham drafted a letter to our three legislators explaining how OJH spent our Land Trust Funds last year. See attached. Land Trust issues have not been mentioned much in the 2015 Legislative Session.

Meeting adjourned: 4:03