

Olympus Junior High Community Council Minutes

October 5, 2015

Conference room in main office

In attendance: Kimberly Chytraus, Julie McKinnon, Katie Graham, Jen Wunderli, Sally Timmons, Scott Gregory, Jane Nate, Kent Nelson, Jayne Springman, Tina Seastrand, Jennifer Kleinman, Michelle Kuhn, Karen Wallace, Mimi Jones, Lisa Pace, Robyn Topham, Mark Grant

Minutes from August meeting voted for approval of August 21, 2015 meeting:
Scott Gregory motioned for their approval, Jane Nate seconded the motion

Olympus Jr. High needs to get the bylaws put on the OJH website.

Discussion regarding the proposed 5X5 schedule: Mark Grant, principal

80% of the schools in the Granite District are on a block schedule. 20% are not, (Olympus Jr., Wasatch, Churchill). 15-20% of the students need remediation to get them at the level of Proficient in their testing scores.

One of the main reasons for Olympus Jr. to move to a block schedule would be to provide time each day for students who are struggling to receive extra help. This would be an extra 30 minutes per day for an Advisory/Flex period. Students would receive personal help from their teachers, check their grades and read or do homework.

Another reason to move to this block schedule would be to conform to the other junior highs in the Granite District.

All grades; 7th, 8th and 9th would be double blocked for math so that each student would have math every day. Possible other double blockings would be English for 7th grade, Science for 8th grade and CTE/GTI for 9th graders.

Teachers and community members are concerned as to how this block schedule will affect the arts/music and other elective programs.

Additional information is needed for the Community Council to make recommendations on this 5x5 block proposal. Parent surveys and forums would be necessary to inform the community about this proposed change. Another meeting will be set up soon to further discuss this topic.

Katie Graham was nominated by Tina Seastrand to be the Community Council Chairman. Jane Nate seconded the nomination and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative. Kimberly Chytraus was nominated and a unanimous vote was taken in the affirmative to make her the vice-chair/secretary.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.