

Minutes -Taylorsville Community Council, April 19th, 2017

Those attending:

Faculty/Staff: Dr. Muse (Principal) Eric Timpson (counselor), Ms. Liddell (12th grade Vice Principal), and Susan Bittenob (employee).

Parents: Sarah Timpson, Lorna Garlitz, Tai Lynn Hill

Guests: Cameron Garner (Theater/Drama teacher)

A vote was taken to approve the March minutes. Ms. Liddell motioned to approve minutes; Dr. Muse seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Ms. Liddell provided the current budget for Trust Lands with a total of \$42,750.63. She addressed the recent, April 7th, budget category expenditure of \$7,600.00 for Smart Boards and installation. She commented on the April 7th electronic voting for approval (see April Land Trust Budget and March minutes for specifics).

Mr. Timpson gave us a quick overview of the Counseling center. He announced the newly hired counselor, Celeste Mickelson, for the upcoming 2017-18 school year. He mentioned that Ms. Mickelson is currently an intern counselor and is a "great fit" for the students at Taylorsville since she has already formed connections with the students and parents. He mentioned AP testing that would start the first week of May.

Other items Mr. Timpson discussed included Senior Graduation Application Day/Panoramic Picture day on April 28th, with signoffs beginning on May 1st, College Graduation Day on May 10th, and the year-end Advisory Committee Meeting. He mentioned the Work Based Learning job opening that replaces Corrine Kendall who is transitioning into the GDS intern-counseling program.

Cameron Garner, THS Theater teacher, an overview of proposed plays the Theatre Department would like to produce for the 2017-18 school year. There are six proposed plays: a Shakespeare play (title, yet to be determined), "Guys and Dolls", "Mary Poppins", "That's the way the Cookie Crumbles (murder mystery)", "12 Angry Jurors," and the "Valant."

Mr. Garner spoke of the expense of creating the play, Mary Poppins, since it requires the main character, Mary Poppins to fly onstage. Apparently, flying comes at a cost. He asked for suggestions to help offset the expense of hiring an outside company to create the flying feature, which requires additional safety requirements, thus the added expense. Susan Bittenob suggested he approach THS PTA for a matching grant. Sarah Timpson, member of THS PTA, suggested she fill out a grant request form and submit it to the new 2017-18 PTA President, Karen Witt, for next year funding. Along with other possible outside fundraisers, the expense may be covered.

Dr. Muse and Ms. Liddell spoke of new business. Dr. Muse stated the Utah legislature gave the teachers an 11.65% raise. He noted that the raise was positive, however, the outcome of such a pay increase; the added expense of paying for teachers with the Land Trust Funds. The higher salaries would result in an added cost of extra teachers; possibly lowering the total number of teachers, the Trust land money could afford.

Lastly, Ms. Liddell mentioned the added benefit of a sooner student course selection date change. An earlier date results in better-qualified candidates interviewing for open teaching positions. She further explained that this earlier date allowed THS Administration to interview top graduates before they take jobs with other schools rather than THS. She mentioned the interviewing process is currently underway and the selection pool is better than normal.

She also mentioned GEAR UP funding for one more class and the adding of an ACT Test Prep class added for next school year.

The next meeting is proposed for May 17th, at 3 pm, G105.

Meeting adjourned at 3: 57 pm.