

# Taylorsville High Community Council

## Minutes of August 27, Meeting

### In Attendance:

Dr. Garrett Muse  
Emily Liddell  
Natalie Paxton  
Andrew McLeran  
Taunja Baxter  
Sue Brunstetter  
Michelle Christensen  
Betsy Valora  
Mindy Barrios  
Steve Garlitz  
Eric Thompson  
Lafo Tauanu'u  
Steve Hogan (GSD Director – Planning & Boundaries)  
Ben Horsley

### Excused:

Neil Andersen  
Steve Garlitz  
Mindy Barrios  
Sue Brunstetter

### Minutes:

- 1. Welcome by Taunja Baxter**
- 2. Approve minutes from May 21, 2014 meeting.** Motion made by Taunja Baxter, second by Betsy Valora.
- 3. Planning and Boundaries (Steve Hogan and Ben Horsley)**  
Steve will be presenting data on September 2, 2014 to see if they will proceed with redrawing the boundaries.

Study is to go forward to determine if the community involved will be impacted, and to see if there will be a 'yes' or 'no' vote for the Bennion/Taylorville students to be absorbed by Taylorville High.

Project that about 165 students to come into Taylorville High. Some will come over, and some may not. Everyone on the Taylorville High school community council is in favor to have the study go forth.

According to Ben Horsley, Cottonwood High is not too excited about the study but they understand that it's a natural progression and is going to happen.

If approved by the board by this fall (2014) we may see a change by next fall. If approval doesn't go through until after fall, we may not see changes until the year 2016. So if the board approves the proposal for the boundaries to be changed, Steve may return to make a formal request and invite the community council members to attend the meeting.

#### **4. School Business (Dr. Garrett Muse)**

- Introduction of Emily Liddell and Ryan Shaw our new Administrators here at Taylorville High and their roles with the Community Council. Emily will be in charge of disseminating information to us about the Trust Lands budget. Ryan Shaw is now the one supervising the Academic Mentors.
- Elections: There are two openings available. We have had no applications turned in. The council was asked to get the word out to get those positions filled.
- Focus on school goals:
  - 1). 90% graduation rate. (Special needs students continue on to GIFTS)
  - 2). Increase the number of students taking rigorous courses.
  - 3). Increase achievement for every student.
  - 4). Instructional Framework for teachers. Tools such as Canvas, Acuity->Sage, PLC's, writing included.
  - 5). Enrich and increase parent and community engagement.

- Enrollment numbers: Academic Mentors are calling to find students who have been enrolled, yet have not attended to see if they are still planning on attending here at Taylorsville High or are enrolled in another school.  
-1,735 is the number given by Nina Lemon our Registrar. At 1,650 we should be okay. We did shrink by 10 classes.
- AP Seminar (Capstone):  
Drew McLeran who is one of our AP teachers who will be teaching this course touched briefly on the training seminar that he and Kevin Harward attended during the summer. Kevin Harward will be teaching the Junior class seminar and Drew will teach the Senior class seminar. The course is a good program but very intense.  
Drew will be returning to training because the AP Capstone is still being created. The Senior class seminar will have their own course. Right now he will be co-teaching with Kevin Harward.  
AP classes are now focusing on teaching students skills, not content.
- Upcoming events:  
50 Korean students will be visiting Taylorsville high in October of 2014. Recruiting will be from AP classes for chaperones.

## **5. Trust Lands Budget (Emily Liddell)**

Emme presented the adjustments that were made in the budget for the year 2014 – 2015. The motion to adopt the new budget with the adjustments was set forth by Taunja Baxter, second by Betsy Valora. It was approved unanimously by the council.

## **6. Other**

-Portal registration was not well received by parents. Betsy Valora expressed frustration with the system and getting it to work. There were days that she couldn't get on the portal.

Concern was voiced because it had been guaranteed that there was enough bandwidth available.

They understand that there will be problems with the roll-out of any new system.

Another concern that was brought up was that Taunja spoke with a mother who has a student attending here, she expressed that she was not comfortable coming in and utilizing the computers or help provided.

Meeting adjourned at 4:35 pm. Next meeting scheduled for Sept. 17, 2014 @ 3:30 in room G-105.