

**YESS Program**  
**LAC/Community Council**  
**September 24, 2020 11:30am-12:30pm**

**Attendees:**

Trina Dickinson  
Ann Jones  
Jason Rosvall  
Cara Stephens  
Nic Shellabarger  
Lisa St. Louis  
Stephanie Sinju

Brenda Monson  
Jacqueline Bode  
Suki Cannon  
Darcie Peterson  
Cindy Willis  
Janeve Jones

***GSD/YESS Goals:***

The goal of GSD and YESS is to increase achievement for every student and engage community stakeholders. YESS is able to gather systematic data points via literacy results. We started using Star 360 last year to gather uniform data for math and reading. We are having some licensing issues with this, but will be hopefully back on track in November. PBG is being emphasized and used in our district. Modules are on Canvas for our teachers to use. District has put a lot of resources into Canvas and it is the primary online modality being used in secondary settings. Every YESS site is handling distance learning differently, but all sites are customizing student education respective to the needs of facilities and students. Common feedback from site directors is that teachers have been very flexible and adaptive. YESS is working collaboratively and effectively with its agency partners.

***YESS Vision:***

**Distance Learning**

Teachers report they are using a variety of instructional delivery platforms to teach and get feedback from students. All site representatives indicated that distance learning results have been good and are pleased with the progress in increasing our scope of service delivery options unique to each site.

**COVID Safety**

Frequent communication from sites is necessary for us to provide education

***New Staff and Staff Updates:***

- Brian is at Decker; Social Studies and education administration background
- Nick is our CTE teacher at Decker; he also works for SLC School District and has wrestling credentials
- Tucker is our ETCA at Decker and Gemstone; court and DCFS background, speaks multiple languages
- Kallie is at Christmas Box House; Licensed teacher and is doing fantastic
- Joanna & Alan at Connections High Transition Unit
- Sandy has moved to SLVYC. Her focus is on extending learning with long term students
- Meredith is the new Special Ed instructor at AIM
- Kori has been the aide at Youth Service and is now working as a mentor to bridge the many changes in placement that kids experience in placement
- Daria is retiring on October 9<sup>th</sup>
- DT has a new counselor and registrar. Grades will be updated each quarter. They are being more flexible in class assigning. Exciting to see students progressing with the new system.
- Hopeful Beginnings is no longer being served on site. We are hoping to do some outreach in the future.

### ***COVID Updates:***

- District has a uniform contract tracing protocol. We 100% comply with Salt Lake County Health Department guidelines. Some schools in the district have closed because of the number of COVID cases. In our school, we are guests in the facility, so we need to work together to address incidents and exposures. We have had great success working with the facilities on this. Our biggest concern is that we get timely information from facility staff to protect our staff. It is vital that we promptly have any potential cases involving school staff reported to us to meet district reporting requirements. Facility staff briefly discussed some JJS COVID protocols and the manner in which YESS will be notified. Overall, sites are taking extensive precautions with exposure identification, testing, isolating and reporting at their facilities.
- Expressed appreciation to agency partners for being proactive and coordinating incidents with us. Our collective goals are to ensure the safety of students and staff.

### ***YESS Happenings/Website:***

- StemCap is starting back up. They did a unit on clouds and coordinated with the art teacher to color the paper clouds with natural dyes such as blueberries, strawberries. Project turned out beautifully!
- New bulletin board at Decker to reinforce DBT.
- New CTE teacher at Decker working on mixing soundtracks
- Eco Bricks constructed out of recyclable materials
- Community Council page

### ***Open Discussion:***

#### **Janeve Jones**

Students happy to wear masks as long as they can be back in school.

#### **Lisa St Louis**

Students were so excited for school to start - that reaffirms the great job teachers are doing in building relationships with students and serving their academic needs.

#### **Jacqueline Bode**

Tucker and Fin are doing fantastic work with the kids, focusing on connecting students with life opportunities. We are working hard to customize education, so it gives kids the best chance to succeed!

#### **Stephanie Sinju**

Tucker is doing a great job. Appreciation to YESS.

#### **Trina Dickinson**

Thanks to all the teachers, especially Cindy, advocating for youth and helping the students. Her efforts have been outstanding and her support highly appreciated.

#### **Brenda Monson**

Tech functionality is performing well and has been consistently reliable at our sites.

Please email Jason if there is a certain issue that you would like to see addressed in this meeting.

Meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting: December 10, 2020