



## Grand County Middle School School Community Council Meeting Minutes

February 22, 2017

Attendees: Melinda Snow (principal), Marva Lewis (co-chair), Jeanette Kopell (co-chair), Sophia Sopuch (teacher), Ginger Torres (staff), Janel Arbon (parent), Chrystal Washburn (parent)

### **Action Items**

The council approved the November minutes as presented.

### **Legislative Presentation with Grand County Board of Education member Jim Webster and Superintendent Dr. Scott Crane**

1. Jim Webster and Dr. Crane travel to Salt Lake City several times during the legislative session to meet with representatives to advocate on behalf of Grand County schools.
2. Each year there are over 100 bills introduced that involve education.
3. Senate Bill 80 (Equalization)—One-third of the Weighted Per Pupil Unit (WPU) from districts with high property taxes like Grand County is redistributed to districts with low property taxes. This law is bad for Grand County.
4. None of the rural representatives sit on the education committee.
5. Reach out to friends and relatives on the Wasatch Front to let them know how the bill affects Grand County.
6. Email Dr. Crane or Jim Webster for information to send to urban educators.
7. Grand County School District is a member of the Utah Rural Schools Association, which advocates for issues that affect school districts in rural Utah.

### **Stakeholder Survey Feedback—Return rate yet to be determined**

1. Future surveys should be on a single piece of paper rather than a separate survey for each teacher. Parents won't take the time to complete a survey for each one of their student's teachers.

Meeting Adjourned – 4:45 p.m.