

High School Community Council Minutes 11.14.16

Attending: Heidi Wainer, Jeff Richards, Steven Hren, John Knowles, Jeanette Kopell, Kathy Williams, Sonja Nicolaisen, Janell Arbon, Connie Wilson, Kent Dalton, Margy Moreau.

Citizens to be heard – Jeanette how many other teams besides mountain bike are not USAA affiliated and if these teams could have an award ceremony. There are several athletes in this community competing at the state level that should be recognized. Heidi said it would be nice for kids to letter. Dr. Hren replied that lettering is determined by the USAA.

Minutes: Kathy motioned to pass the minutes and Sonja seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Reports: (Dr. Hren)

- Budget – At this point if all our allocations are utilized there will be no carry over.
- Our second chrome book cart has arrived and tech is getting them up and running. Our first cart has been used almost continuously since arrival.
- Amendment B passed, which means that trust lands funding will increase, but we have yet to be told by how much. We will once again ask staff to create proposals since we have to build all individual proposals into the plan. Council members should also be thinking about spending ideas for improving the school. The Admin team would like to fund more professional development. For example, Dr. Hren would like to send the leadership team to a conference.
- The accreditation survey closed. To advertise this survey Dr. Hren sent a letter home, it was on Facebook, and discussed at PT conferences. However we only received 58 parent responses, 13% of students. Last year's evaluation survey had only 8% return. Dr. Hren asked for suggestions to get more parental feedback. Someone suggested emailing parents a link – Jeanette and Kathy said school emails often go to their spam folder. Heidi said she really liked the phone calls home. Dr. Hren said parentlink will come back in the next few weeks. Steve went through the Survey results and broke them down for the council.
- sitfo.utah.gov/investments– is a website about trust lands funds and how they are invested. The annual financial report can also be found here.

Discussion – Sonja will text reminders for our breakfast for staff during PT conferences on Jan 20th.

Other –

Heidi nominated Ms. Simmons-Cameron for a Blue Ribbon for helping kids with college essays. She helped Tobin and River and Jaylyn.

Kathy asked if GGCHS offers both honors English and AP English in 12 grade. Only AP, but students can also take English 1010 through concurrent enrollment. If students plan on going in state English 1010 will fulfill their English requirement. Out of state universities do not honor concurrent enrollment credits so students should take AP.

Heidi asked Dr. Hren to address the rumors that the High School will close if there are twenty three cases of pertussis. Dr. Hren said that is a rumor, the health department said they would have a conversation about closing the school if 23 students tested positive. Dr. Kathy Williams asked in what timeframe? It might be more critical to discuss how many cases are active at any given time. Dr. Hren did not know, that would be part of the conversation. Currently the outbreak is at the high school. There

is one positive case at middle school at the one at HMK. All of the kids who have tested positive were immunized. Kathy said immunization is not always 100% effective but cases with prior immunization are less severe. Dr. Hren is not sure how effective a closure would be since students would not stay home. Being off of school might spread the outbreak around town.

Heidi stated that if school closed, they should not push graduation back since people have already made travel arrangements. Since the board moved graduation to Memorial Day weekend, one of the busiest weekends in Moab, attending graduation is already prohibitively expensive for many out of state relatives. Heidi's family started searching for travel deals over a year ago. Her family cannot be the only ones who have already purchased non-refundable plane tickets and hotel rooms. Instead, Heidi asked students make up the time during winter and spring breaks. Dr. Hren said changing graduation would not happen. According to the state, in cases of closure for disease outbreak, the days would not have to be made up.

To address the outbreak, the school has masks available for students. Janitors have started cleaning with a solution specifically for pertussis. They are taking extra care to wipe down all table tops, keyboards etc. each night.

Connie raised the concern that a lot of the boys think they have to wait for a girl to ask them to promenade. She is worried that there are boys that want to promenade, who will not be asked and will miss the opportunity. Dr. Hren said they have a signup sheet in the office. If there is someone who wants to promenade, they will be given a partner. John said that if there is not enough kids, they will even pull kids from the senior class to partner. His son promenaded as a senior for this purpose.

Margy asked about the 50 pounds of potatoes students are selling as a fundraiser. Her husband received phone calls and texts about the sale on an undisclosed number. The only place this number is listed is SIS. Dr. Hren will investigate. In addition, there was a discussion about giving kids sales quotas for fundraisers. Parents often purchase to fulfill these quotas. With a fundraiser for items that spoil over time, parents are throwing money away.

Kent asked if there had been a determination about the switch from 2a to 3a. No. They are wrapped up in a fight about the rules for students transferring schools for athletics.

Do we need a meeting in December? Jeanette motioned that we cancel December meeting. Margy seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Sonja will chair meeting January 9th meeting.