

UINTAH MIDDLE SCHOOL
COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING
February 9th, 2021

ATTENDING:

Christy Nerdin (Principal)
Brandon Aycock
Jessica Christensen
Megan Hall
Heather McKee
Marissa Mills
Evonne Guzzle (Teacher)

Jeni Gudac (Counselor)
James Munford

ABSENT:

Jennifer Anderson

VISITORS:

Tawna Baumgardner
Kaylee Butler

Approval of Minutes

The meeting was opened at 2:45. Time was then turned over to Christy Nerdin. A motion was made by Evonne Guzzle to approve the minutes as they were written. Jessica Christensen seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Teacher/Classified Employee of the Year

The council was given packets by the two candidates for Teacher of the Year and the two candidates for Classified Employee of the Year. They were given time to read each one and then they voted by ballot. After tallying the ballots, the winner of Teacher of the Year is Colleen Stewart, and the Classified Employee of the Year is Emily Christiansen.

Trust Lands Plan 2020/2021 Review

Christy Nerdin shared that all the money for this year's plan has been spent on just what was planned and there is no need for any amendments. The council will not be able to create a new plan for 2021/2022 until we have some hard numbers to go from. Because of Covid-19 it is causing difficulties on budgeting for the next

year. The numbers show that about 11% of students have gone to online, homeschool or private school. Lapoint is closer to 50%. There will be a survey going out in March to find out parent plans for next year. The council will work on the Trust Land plan at the next meeting in April. If you have items to address with next year's plan, please contact Megan Hall or Christy Nerdin.

Review ELA Adoption Checklist

The Uintah School District will be adopting a new ELA program soon. Christy Nerdin shared the ELA adoption plan and timeline. Tawna Baumgardner told the council about what has been done so far. The choices have been narrowed down to two plans. If you want to look at them, you can contact Tawna. The adoption committee would like as much feedback as they can get. Teachers took a survey, and that information was used to create a checklist for the committee to use. Kaylee Butler is a teacher at the Uintah Middle School, and she shared the process the teachers went through when deciding what to choose. The teachers want to make sure that whatever they choose is user friendly for students and their families. The reps of the two plans will present their programs to the teachers. The decisions will be made so that teachers have time to do some trainings and use the program before the next year when it is implemented. At the next meeting of the Community Council, they will give an update of the process so far.

Counselor Items

James Munford told how the counselors have met with students with low grades two to three weeks to help them improve their grades. There was a big impact on grades when the counselors did this last year. This year so far there is improvement but not as much as last year. This is probably due to Covid-19.

Patron Input

Parents are concerned about the traffic during pick-up and drop-off times. They were wondering if there was something that could be done to address this issue. Don Heath agreed to go walk around the building with the parent after the meeting and look to see what our options might be.

Parents also wondered if no school on Fridays would remain next year. Most parents love having no school on Fridays but are worried about how they would make up those hours with the state guidelines. If school hours each day were longer to make up for the Friday, then the parents from Lapoint were against it.

The bus to Lapoint does not get the kids home until about 4:00. They feel that if it were later than that they would not have time for homework or family time. Parents have loved the postcards that have been sent home by teachers to their students. They have meant a lot to the students. They also complimented the teachers and staff of the school.

Meeting adjourned at 4:10. April 13th will be the next meeting.