

UINTAH MIDDLE SCHOOL
COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING
September 15, 2021

ATTENDING:

Sharon Shipton (Principal)
Brandon Aycock (Member)
Jessica Christensen (Member)
Hannah Kunkel (Chairperson)
Heather McKee (Member)
Wes Taylor (Co-Chairperson)
Evonne Guzzle (Teacher)
Jackie Colton (Guest)
James Munford (Counselor)

ABSENT:

Jennifer Anderson (Member)

Introductions

The principal Sharon Shipton introduced herself and Jackie Colton the new Assistant Principal. She then asked each person to introduce themselves to the council.

Community Council/Trust Lands Video

The council watched the video “Responsibilities of the School Community Council”. This video along with others can be found on the School Trust Land’s website. <https://schools.utah.gov/schoollandtrust>

Elect Chairperson and Co-Chair

A motion was made by Heather McKee to nominate Hannah Kunkel for Chairperson. Jessica Christensen seconded the motion. There were no other nominations. Brandon, Jessica, Hannah, Heather, Wes and Evonne were in favor, none opposed.

A motion was made by Brandon Aycock to nominate Wes Taylor for Co-chair. Sharon seconded the motion. There were no other nominations. Brandon, Jessica, Hannah, Heather, Wes and Evonne were in favor, none opposed.

Approval of Minutes

Draft minutes from the last meeting on 4/13/21 were shared. A motion was made by Heather McKee to approve the minutes as written. Jessica Christensen seconded the motion. Brandon, Jessica, Hannah, Heather, Wes and Evonne were in favor, none opposed.

Meeting Dates

The following Community Council meeting dates for the 2021-22 school year were suggested: October 27, December 8, January 26, March 9, and April 20. Wes Taylor made a motion to approve these dates. Evonne Guzzle seconded the motion. Brandon, Jessica, Hannah, Heather, Wes and Evonne were in favor, none opposed.

Digital Literacy Requirements

The time was turned over to Principal Shipton to present the Digital Literacy Requirements. The council was shown the school's website. There is a link to this plan. There are also links to many resources for parents and students to use. One of those is the Safe UT app. Students can use this app anonymously to report issues. This is a great app that goes to the state with results right away. The council decided it would be best to have short cuts to this plan and resources within the Community Council link. This will be updated. It was decided by the council that they will review the plan and vote at the next meeting to approve or revise.

2021/2022 Trust Lands, TSSA, SIP Plans

Principal Shipton had the council review the Trust Land Plan and the TSSA plan. (See attached) These were approved last year for this school year, but the council has the right to revise the plan and present it to the school board if needed. The SIP (School Improvement Plan) is a district approved plan for student improvement. (See attached) Part of the information used for this plan comes from the student Stakeholder surveys. The week of September 20-25 students will take this survey.

Counselor Items

The time was turned over to James Munford. He asked the council to serve as the CCGP (Comprehensive Counseling & Guidance Program) Steering Committee. Evonne Guzzle made a motion to have the council serve as the steering

committee. Heather McKee seconded the motion. Brandon, Jessica, Hannah, Heather, Wes and Evonne were in favor, none opposed.

Mr. Munford explained the Character Ed program “Second Step” that the school is using this year. It replaces the “Classy” program.

The school’s Safety Plan and the Digital Literacy Plan align with the Counseling objectives. Support links on the website were shown to the council. As the counselors have been out teaching in the classrooms, they have noticed that the students had the most trouble with understanding the definition of bullying. Mr. Munford asked that the council help get the word out what bullying really is. The principal suggested that the Student Council could do an anti-bullying campaign.

Superintendent Request for Committee Members

The Superintendent asked for the chairperson and a teacher on the Community Council serve on a committee to research Trimester versus Semester schedules. This information will be given to the Uintah School Board. Hannah Kunkel and Evonne Guzzle will serve on the committee. The first meeting is September 23rd at 4:00pm.

Patron Input

Parents were asked to share information with other parents. Please encourage parents to talk to teachers and staff instead of posting on social media.

Parent/Teacher Conferences will be one night in person and phone calls will be done weekly to parents. Parent/Teacher Conference Night will be October 12th from 3:30 – 7:00.

8th grade was part of a 9/11 ceremony. The Patriot Guard Riders donated a new flag and retired the old flag. The Choir class sang the National Anthem. The students were so respectful.

The 8th grade will be doing the Color Wars again this year. Parents wanted to know since their students look forward to it.

Friday Schedule went well for a first attempt. The students seemed to really enjoy it. One parent did say that they didn’t send their student since they didn’t sign up for an activity. The school will get the word out that it is okay to sign up when you get here on Friday if you didn’t do it ahead of time.

Sharon Shipton made a motion to adjourn at 3:55. Heather McKee seconded. Brandon, Jessica, Hannah, Heather, Wes and Evonne approved, none opposed.