

UINTAH MIDDLE SCHOOL  
COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING  
January 17, 2024

**ATTENDING:**

Sharon Shipton (Principal)  
Britli Foley  
Alyse Hayes  
Holly Shiner  
Tamara Hatch (Teacher)  
Jeni Gudac (Counselor)

**ABSENT:**

Eric Dilworth

**Opening**

The meeting was brought to order by Britli Foley at 2:45pm.

**Approval of Minutes**

Britli Foley asked if everyone had read the minutes from our last meeting and if there were any corrections or changes that need to be made. A motion was made by Tamara Hatch to approve the minutes from the last meeting as written. Holly Shiner seconded the motion. Foley, Hayes, Hatch, Shiner, and Shipton were in favor, none opposed.

**Middle of Year Interim Testing Data**

The time was turned over to Sharon Shipton to review the results of the middle of the year interim testing for ELA. The Math results were not all in. (See Attachment) Mrs. Shipton will have the results for Math at the next meeting. The testing took place in one day for ELA and one day for Math with a special schedule that had them stay with their advisory teacher throughout the test. The students were given a break and snack halfway through. The students responded very positively to testing this way. They liked getting it done all at once rather than taking an entire week to finish. The teachers said the students were more serious about the test. They set goals and were achieving them. The testing went very smoothly.

**Counselor Items**

The time was turned over to Jeni Gudac for counselor items. Jeni told the council about the 7<sup>th</sup> grade Career Day they are involved with tomorrow 1/18/24. It is a work-based learning experience where students will participate in two activities: **Career Day Presentations** and **College Field Trip**. They will be assigned to groups.

Half of the 7<sup>th</sup> grade will do Career Day in the morning followed by College Field Trip in the afternoon, and the other half will do the opposite.

Counselors are almost finished registering the 8<sup>th</sup> grade students for next year. They will be arranging visits to the Elementary schools to talk to 5<sup>th</sup> grade students who will be at our school next year. Then they will schedule a time to come and tour the Uintah Middle School. The principal will talk to them about expectations.

### **Other**

Sharon Shipton wanted the council to know that the council will be voting at the next meeting on the Trust Lands Plan for next year and for Teacher/Classified Employees of the Year.

It was brought to Mrs. Shipton's attention that the Rules of Order did not include a rule for vacant positions. She presented the Rules of Order with an amendment to include this rule. A motion was made by Tamara Hatch to amend the Rules of Order as presented. Alyse Hayes seconded the motion. Foley, Hayes, Hatch, Shiner and Shipton were in favor, none opposed.

### **Patron Input**

Parents wanted to know how RISE compares to iReady. There is frustration when students are doing well on iReady but then they don't on RISE. Parents wanted to know why this happens. It was explained that iReady shows growth. A student may show great growth but still be below their grade level.

The Parents do not understand the Standards-Based Grading system. They don't like that the grade starts as an F. The students have told their parents that they don't have to do certain assignments because they don't count toward their grade. Parents also said that their student doesn't seem to know the skill at home but at school they are shown as being proficient. They worry that they didn't learn an important skill but have moved on. It was explained that if students don't do their assignments, then they may do poorly on the assessments. And if they show proficiency one time that same skill will show up several times within the work, so it is not a one and done way of grading. Parents feel there is a lack of communication between them and the teachers. Mrs. Shipton will address this at the next faculty meeting.

Parents wondered about the Friday work. The students must pass the work with 80% or it doesn't count as complete. Sometimes their students could work for hours on this.

It is very important to communicate with the teacher about these concerns. The district has directed that Friday work counts as 10% of their grade. It is only core classes.

Next Meeting will be March 6, 2024.

A motion to adjourn was made by Alyse Hayes. Holly Shiner seconded the motion. Foley, Hayes, Hatch, Shiner, and Shipton were in favor, none opposed. The meeting adjourned at 3:23.