

UINTAH MIDDLE SCHOOL  
COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING  
October 27, 2021

**ATTENDING:**

Sharon Shipton (Principal)  
Jennifer Anderson (Member)  
Jessica Christensen (Member)  
Heather McKee (Member)  
Wes Taylor (Co-Chairperson)  
Evonne Guzzle (Teacher)  
James Munford (Counselor)  
Jenifer Gudac (Counselor)

**ABSENT:**

Brandon Aycock (Member)  
Hannah Kunkel (Chairperson)

**Opening**

The meeting was brought to order at 2:48 by Wes Taylor.

**Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Evonne Guzzle to approve the minutes from last meeting as written. Jennifer Anderson seconded the motion. Anderson, Christensen, McKee, Taylor and Guzzle were in favor, none opposed.

**Digital Literacy Requirements**

Last meeting it was decided by the council that they would review the Digital Literacy Plan and vote at the next meeting to approve or revise. Wes asked if anyone had concerns or wanted changes. No one had concerns. A motion was made by Jessica Christensen to approve the plan as written. Evonne Guzzle seconded the motion. Anderson, Christensen, McKee, Taylor and Guzzle were in favor, none opposed.

**Secondary Schedule Committee Update**

The Superintendent asked for the chairperson and a teacher on the Community Council serve on a committee to research Trimester verses Semester schedules. This information will be given to the Uintah School Board. Hannah Kunkel and Evonne Guzzle will serve on the committee. Principal Shipton asked Evonne Guzzle if she could give the council an update on what the committee has done so far. Evonne explained that the job of the committee was to gather information to

present to the board so that the board can decide to change if they want to change the trimester schedule. Some suggestions were a semester schedule, change the trimester to a 6 hour a day, or leave the trimester schedule the way it is. Jessica Christensen wondered if there was a way to live stream the meetings so the public was more informed. Evonne Guzzle explained that there is a plan to record the assembly that will take place at the High School. They will also send a survey out to the community, parents, and students for their input. Jessica Christensen wanted to know why they would want to change. Is there a reason they don't like the current schedule? The reason is to get more elective offerings. Currently with a trimester schedule you get 5 classes a day, so this is 15 classes total. With a semester schedule you would get 10 classes, 5 every other day for a total of 20.

The board assured the committee that if there is a change they would give plenty of time to plan for it. They would need to plan breaks so they are the same at all schools. They don't want to rush into anything.

The committee plans to present their information to the board at November's board meeting.

### **Community Council Discussion Items**

Dance: Some students have shown an interest in having a dance. Principal Shipton wanted the council member's input. The parents on the committee all agreed that they would like students to be able to participate in these types of activities but only during school hours and as a reward activity. Wes mentioned that with all the health concerns right now it would be great to wait to do large gatherings until after the new year. Valentine's Day would be a great time.

Energy Drinks: The school is seeing a large number of students bringing energy drinks to school. In the past years energy drinks were not allowed. Principal Shipton wanted the council member's input. All the members thought that energy drinks shouldn't be allowed at school.

### **Counselor Items**

The time was turned over to James Munford for any counselor items.

Registration for 9<sup>th</sup> grade begins in November. They will start having 8<sup>th</sup> graders fill out paperwork. They will also meet with parents and students individually.

### **Patron Input**

Parents wondered if the Tik Tok challenge that was causing vandalism at the school was still happening. The principal said that the vandalism had stopped. Parents also wondered if there was a lot of fighting happening. They have seen posts on Facebook that make it seem like there has been. The principal said that there have been a few but it is getting better.

Parents also wondered about students vaping at school. The principal explained that it is a very small group of students that they are seeing vaping. There are tiered steps that the school must take when dealing with these. Students must go through this process. We anticipate that these steps will hinder the amount that will continue to vape.

Principal Shipton explained that we have had a rough start to the school year as far as behavior goes. She has spoken with the other principals, and this is a community problem, not just our school.

Heather McKee made a motion to adjourn at 3:45. Jennifer Anderson seconded. Anderson, Christensen, McKee, Taylor and Guzzle were in favor, none opposed. Next meeting will be December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021.