

UINTAH MIDDLE SCHOOL
COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING
November 2, 2022

ATTENDING:

Sharon Shipton (Principal)
Eric Dilworth
Britli Foley
Wes Taylor
Tamara Hatch (Teacher)
Jeni Gudac (Counselor)

ABSENT:

Hannah Kunkel

Opening

The meeting was brought to order by Wes Taylor at 2:45pm .

Approval of Minutes

Wes Taylor asked if everyone had read the minutes from our last meeting and if there were any corrections or changes that needed made. A motion was made by Tamara Hatch to approve the minutes from last meeting as written. Eric Dilworth seconded the motion. Dilworth, Foley, Taylor, Hatch were in favor, none opposed.

Service Learning Class Report

Mr. Bird is teaching a Service Learning class this year. Mr. Bird and two students, Luken Merrell and Braxton O’Crowley, reported to the council how the class is going so far. They shared with the council some of the projects they have been doing so far. They wanted 6th graders to feel welcome and were happy to learn that the administration delivered UMS shirts to all the 6th grade before school started. The service class have sent emails out to the 6th graders so they know they have someone to help and mentor them. The service class also delivers a small treat to students on their birthdays, delivers a treat and pop to subs, and help teachers and staff with any needs they may have that hour. The newest project is Project Hawkeye. They have set up a pantry with supplies and food that they can distribute to families in need.

Parents asked how they decide what projects they will do. The students told how they have a roundtable where they brainstorm new ideas.

Parents asked what they like about being part of the service class. The students responded that it helps them learn to be leaders and be successful. They like being part of a big team.

Winterfest

Winterfest will be held December 13th from 5-7pm. The council was asked to help with the food. The parents on the council will reach out to some food trucks by the 16th to see if we can get some for that night. Britli said she would take care of the Bingo activity.

Beginning of Year Interim Testing Results

Sharon Shipton reviewed the results of the beginning of the year interim testing. This gives a base line for when we look at results mid-year and end of the year. Wes Taylor is very interested in the Reading scores. He wanted to know if every student is taking reading classes. Sharon Shipton explained that every 6th grade student takes reading and in addition there is a Read180 class and a Systems44 class that work more in depth with those students who need it. Parents wondered if there was anything the community could do to help improve scores. Just promoting reading in the home and encouraging others to do the same would be a way to help. The biggest obstacle is student attendance. The council will try and come up with ways to get those families who don't have good attendance and don't attend community events to want to get involved. They will try to come up with different things that would get these families excited. Community Events like Winterfest is one way the school is doing this. Wes Taylor said he would write up something from parents to go in the Monthly Newsletter.

Counselor Items

The time was turned over to Jeni Gudac for counselor items. Jeni told the council that the counselors have reached out to the high school for registration information. Starting the beginning of the 2nd trimester counselors will go in 8th grade English classes and talk to them about registering for 9th grade. They will be reaching out to parents to meet one on one.

Other

- a. A Friday Schedule meeting update from Wes Taylor was given. Wes said that the committee made pros and cons list. Results will be used in the decision process. It is expected that there will be a decision in December.
- b. Dress Code – The council was asked to look over the dress code and highlight what they liked and wanted to keep what they thought needed changed and what they thought should be deleted. Results will go to the district committee formed to address the dress code.

Patron Input

The council was asked to share information about the UMS Family Wellness Summit on November 10th from 6-8pm. It will be a fun night of learning, light refreshments, and a chance to win a big screen TV. (see attached flyer)

A motion to adjourn was made by Britli Foley. Eric Dilworth seconded the motion. Dilworth, Foley, Taylor, Hatch were in favor, none opposed.

Meeting adjourned at 4:13.