

UINTAH MIDDLE SCHOOL
COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING
September 28, 2022

ATTENDING:

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

ABSENT:

Opening

The meeting was brought to order at 2:48pm by Sharon Shipton.

Elections

Sharon explained the duties of a chair and co-chair position. Hannah Kunkel told the council how it was for her to be the Chairperson last year. Eric Dilworth nominated Wes Taylor to be Chairperson. Hannah Kunkel seconded the motion. Dilworth, Foley, Kunkel, Taylor, Hatch were in favor, none opposed. Eric Dilworth nominated himself to be co-chairperson. Tamara Hatch seconded the motion. Dilworth, Foley, Kunkel, Taylor, Hatch were in favor, none opposed. The time was turned over to Wes Taylor to run the meeting.

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 Sharon Shipton to approve the minutes from last meeting as written. Hannah Kunkel seconded the motion. Dilworth, Foley, Kunkel, Taylor, Hatch were in favor, none opposed.

Bylaws Review

The council reviewed the UMS Community Council Rules of Order (Bylaws). These are posted on the website.

Digital Citizenship Requirements

As with other responsibilities of school community councils, it is intended that administrators, staff and parents engage together to bring about the best possible result for students. Legislation gives councils an assignment to address digital citizenship and school safety. There are Digital Citizenship/Internet Safety resources available for parents on the school's website. The intervention aide will look to see if she can implement any of these resources in her classroom.

TSSA/Trust Lands Plan/SIP

Sharon Shipton reviewed the approved plans for this year. (See attached)

Counselor Items

The time was turned over to Jeni Gudac for counselor items. Jeni told the council that UMS has a new counselor this year. Her name is Jennifer Nash. A flyer was sent through email to all parents introducing her and the counseling center this year. (See Attached)

The counselors have been in all 6th grade classes so far this year talking to the students about the differences between rude, mean and bullying.

Split Mountain Youth Services comes once a week and teaches a conflict resolution to students needing this service. This has been very successful.

Other

The time was turned over to Mrs. Colton to talk about the Wellness Center that is new this year. There is a lot of research that was done, and Mrs. Colton has visited other schools that are implementing this program. There have been great results. Mrs. Honeycutt is the Intervention Aide in the Wellness Center. It offers a place for students to go who are upset, anxious or emotional and might call to go home. They are given 10 minutes to rest and learn coping skills by using the 5 different stations set up in the room.

Mrs. Colton explained that UMS will pilot ***Partnerships for Middle School Success*** program. The aim of this pilot is to support middle schools in increasing student success, advancing school improvement efforts, and strengthening community partnerships. Vital to this project is to organize school-level ***FACE Improvement Teams***.

The School District is using **PBIS** (positive behavior supports and interventions) for behavior services this year. The Framework for this is attached.

The school is focused on Service this year. Each advisory class will plan one service project. Student Council Advisors Mr. Bird and Mrs. Blunt are teaching a Service-Learning class this year. There is great feedback from what the students are doing during this time.

Safety is on everyone's mind right now. UMS is so fortunate to have a full time Resource Officer at the school. He is available to us and is visible during the day. This year the school is promoting "*See Something, Say Something*". Mrs. Shipton explained the procedures for emergency drills. The school plans to do a Lockdown Drill in the immediate future. We have the capability to call, email or text our parents in an emergency. We will get the word out to parents so more will opt into the text notifications.

There are plans to have a parent/community meeting on November 10th. There will be 3 parts to the meeting.

1. Technology Help-School Technician will be available to help.
2. Health/Coping- Presenters will be Mrs. Blunt & Mr. Bird.
3. Internet/Phone Safety/Social Media-Presenters will be a Detective and an Officer.

Patron Input

Parents wanted to know what is happening with the Friday Schedule. The School Board is looking at the data so far and will form a committee to address the schedule. There will also be a committee to address the dress code.

Parents want to know what was decided with the lockers. Mrs. Shipton said that after principals met and discussed pros and cons it was decided that they would not use them.

A motion to adjourn was made by Hannah Kunkel. Tamara Hatch seconded the motion. Dilworth, Foley, Kunkel, Taylor, Hatch were in favor, none opposed. Meeting adjourned at 4:15.