

Centerville Junior High School Community Council

Wednesday, January 17, 2016

Agenda

1. **Welcome** Karen Burbidge
2. **Approval of minutes from previous CC Meeting (January)** Amy Mackay moved to approve January 2016 Minutes, second Karen Burbidge, Motion Carries.
3. **Counselor Report (Mr. Griffiths):** Ms. Lysenko filling in for Mr. Griffiths. Upcoming events- Feb. 18- Ninth Grade tours at Viewmont High School. Registration for eighth and ninth graders this coming Monday, Feb. 22. Summer PE- registering earlier this year with a fee of \$100.00; as only Ninth graders will be allowed in summer PE class. March 16- 6th grade registration; Davis Co. Health Dept. will be present to offer immunizations to students needing that service.
4. **Teacher Report (JSSC)** Ms. Maurerman-excused. Mr. Hansen expressed teacher appreciation for their inclusion in Community Councils discussion of CJH School Improvement Plan.
5. **Student Report (SBO)-** Student Rep. absent. Karen Burbidge commented that CJH Valentines Dance was a great success particularly the refreshments which were provided.
6. **2015-2016 Trust Lands Expenditure Update**
Mr. Hansen stated there is a potential increase in School Land Trust distributions through the Utah State Legislative funding. He states we may have some carryover funds. See agenda handout for specifics.
7. **Report:**
 - **School Improvement Plan Preliminary Goals** Mr. Hansen discussed clear goal communication between Dept. Heads within each academic group. Community council members may refer to CJH Draft School Improvement Goals. Language Arts will be an area of focus.
 - Mrs. Day, Dept. Head will be retiring this year.

- A Goal for CJH ought to include “Informational Text” as our focus for improvement. Our writing goals will remain in place but the future impact on students ought to include clear goals to improve Informational Text improvement. CJH Writing Rubric is still being assessed; see CJH Draft of School Improvement Goals for specifics.

Credit Recovery Update- See preliminary budget handout;

Staff Development- Mr. Hansen wishes for multiple Departments to communicate as they begin scheduling end of year testing. This past year blocks of testing were back to back which is particularly difficult for the ninth graders.

ALEKS Update- Mr. Hansen wishes to upgrade current textbooks in several classes due to the classes being current college level courses. The textbooks are out of date and need refreshing to current text.

MATH – Mrs. May presented details on Utah STEM progress reports based on the ALEKS courses. Teachers have had training and webinars regarding ALEKS. See packet for teacher reviews on ALEKS. CJH uses the ALEKS program for all Math classes in addition to online home access. She stated, “It is a great program, very versatile”. Legislative funding has given CJH this program to use free as a support from STEM funding. ALEKS identifies student’s areas of need as well as areas of success. The program is available in Spanish, which has been helpful for our school. Teachers have been customizing the program for individual students as they work on their individual “path.” Teachers are able to customize the program with their own tests. ALEKS helps teachers identify individual students needing help or areas for improvement. Instruction is customized towards our school goals. Have there been technical issues? Teachers have found fewer issues surprisingly. Our CJH Credit Recovery teacher uses the ALEKS program to help identify areas of need to assist with credit recovery. See chart for each grade level and level of growth in each category. Mrs. May stated that math improvement has been very good. Teachers received training on how to run reports as well as tips on student instruction. Funding- a proposal has been requested for ongoing funding free of charge but this funding is not guaranteed. Mrs. May asked for pricing of ALEKS program from the publisher. The approximate cost per year is \$24,000.00. She suggested we email School Dist. Legislators to request continued funding. The real benefit of the program comes at home as students and parents can access online support. Mr. Hansen is looking at a contingency plan if funding discontinues. Mr. Hansen Community Council fund all or part of the program. Karen Romrell suggested we split the funding with Davis School Dist. Brooke Holman stated she sees this

program filling a gap for students particularly with her daughter, who had approximately 1-3 hours of review help with her father weekly. Since using ALEKS, her daughter has not needed assistance from her father.

The District Representative for Math is Chadley Anderson; her email is - chanderson@dsdmail.net.

8. Parent/ Community Concerns: Piper Christensen discussed the PTSA White Ribbon Assembly on March 11th prior to Internet Safety Week, which runs the following week of March 14-18th; Fight the New Drug- anti-pornography and internet safety is the PTSA's focus this year.

9. Motion to adjourn: Amy Mackay, Karen Burbidge, second.

Present: Mr. Hansen, Mrs. May Karen Romrell, Katherine Doucette, Jennifer Carr, Amy McKay, Karen Burbidge, Tanja Watts, Ms. Lysenko, Nicki Ellis, Brooke Holman, Jenny Pitt, Alice Roberts.

Excused: Alayne VanWagoner, Kris Allen, Ms. Maurer, and Holly Reynolds. **Absent-** Student Rep. Sarah Barlow, and Anne Mortensen.

Next Meeting- March 16, 2016