

AGENDA

Oak Hills Elementary School-Community Council

Thursday, January 11, 2018 | 6PM | *Meeting called by* Council Members

Attendees: Council faculty and administration, Parent Board Members, PTA Board Members, and Invited members of the community

Agenda Topics:

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| A. Welcome
Special welcome to our Utah state legislative visitors:
Representative Ray Ward
Senator Todd Weiler | Council Chairperson, Terry Miller |
| B. Introductions | Principal, Ruthanne Keller |
| C. Audience Questions & Discussion | Meeting Attendees and Visitors |
1. How much of our educational budget in the state of Utah goes to higher education and public education (elementary and secondary)?
 2. It would be nice if we could be at average per pupil spending or have that be a goal. Our population is only going to get bigger and our needs are only going to grow. Utah allocates on average about \$7,084 per pupil, per year (One of the lowest). The national average is \$11,841. What are the three top barriers to Utah not being able to allocate more funding to education at the K-12 level?
 3. How much money is allotted per pupil compared to the number of we have a lot of children per capita in the state of Utah?
 4. As I am sure you know, Utah is ranked 50th for spending per student, despite this we are still ranked #22 in the nation for education. Do these facts impact decisions made regarding education spending for K-12 education? Is there a desire in the state legislature to try to become better than a mid-range educational system in the country? What can we do as parents and educators to help improve education in the state?
 5. What can you tell us about rumors we've heard that the legislature is looking at putting LAND Trust funds into the general education budget?

6. What do you anticipate happening with education in the legislature this year?

7. School shootings are increasing across the nation. There have been 134 school shootings in the United States since 2010, including two in Utah in 2016. These shootings generally fall into two categories: (1) those committed by non-students (think Newtown or the recent shooting in Rancho Tehama Reserve, CA), and (2) those committed by students (think Columbine or Mueller Park Jr. High) Given this sobering reality, what are our elected government representatives doing to protect our children, teachers, and administrators from shootings in our schools? And what can we – as concerned parents, teachers, administrators, and citizens – do to work with our government representatives to increase the safety of our schools?

8. What are the top concerns you're hearing from parents and educators across the state?

9. The percentage of the budget that Utah spends on education is irrelevant compared to what it costs per pupil to educate them in the world class environment that our employers want us to. What is the plan to make this happen for Utah's students?

Community Council Reminder: Next Meeting, Thursday, Feb 8, 6PM