

**Davis High School Community Council Minutes**  
**November 1, 2017**  
**6:30 a.m.**

Attendees: Greg Wilkey, Bradley Chapple, Tracy Meade, Dianna Barton, Kim Humpherys, Hilary Pennock, Dorothy Watkins, Shanna Barker, Julie Taylor, Lance Thaxton, LeAnn Wood, and Caden Karras.

Dianna Barton welcomed the Council. Lance Thaxton read the minutes from the October 4, 2017 meeting. A correction to the minutes was made changing the reference to the "SafNet" app to the "SafeUT" app. LeAnn Wood motioned that the minutes as amended be approved. Dorothy Watkins seconded the motion, and the minutes as amended were approved.

Mr. Wilkey reviewed the District budget and the Trust Land budget for Davis High. There was a higher than anticipated carryover from last year's Trust Land funds.

The student body officers reported on activities planned for November and December. The school musical opens the following Friday, and winter sports start this month. A school fundraiser is planned with a goal for raising \$20,000 for homeless kids at Davis High.

The Council discussed issues pertaining to the new graduation gowns. Caden Karras reported that there was an assembly to discuss the new graduation gowns. The reason provided for the change was to promote unity. Approximately 200 students responded to a poll concerning the gowns. The results were 50% for and 50% against the change. Concern was expressed that the female students did not feel there were options presented, so the poll was not worthwhile. Others expressed belief that the uproar over of the new gowns occurred due to a lack of information before the students showed up for pictures.

The Council also discussed concerns expressed by a parent about the New Century Award. Specifically, Doug Leavitt sent an email stating he felt for the students that completed a 2-year college degree in conjunction with completing their high school graduations, but were not recognized for achieving this accomplishment, nor were they allowed to wear their college medallion at the high school graduation. The Council recommended looking for ways to recognize these students such as in the graduation program, in one of the graduation addresses, or other ways. This may lead to others wanting to wear other medallions such as the Utah Scholar medallion. The Council recommended that New Century Award recipients be acknowledged in the graduation program. Mr. Wilkey indicated that he will also verbally acknowledge those students at graduation.

The following funding request was made and approved: \$4,000 from the higher than expected carryover funds be used to pay for Secondary Math III PLC. Lance Thaxton motioned to approve the request. Dorothy Watkins seconded the motion, and it was approved.

The following School Improvement Plan focus groups reported.

1. ACT/SAGE – Free ACT prep classes were very well attended. They were a huge success.
2. Graduation Rate – The target population with the lowest graduation rate is African-American students. Plans are in place to assist these students achieve graduation.
3. Emotional/Psychological Needs – Available services were discussed, as was the need to share tools with the students.

Lance Thaxton motioned that the meeting be adjourned. Shanna Barker seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned.