

# Sand Springs Community Council

Sept. 9, 2015

## MINUTES

Those present: Heather Dustin, Sara Gorham, Kerri Kingston, Melanie Smith, John Speth, Nancy Watkins, Maren Zimmerman, Meggan Nichols, Pat Smith, Melissa Skousen, RaeAnn Shelley

Absent: none

We welcomed all new members. (Kerri Kingston, Melanie Smith, John Speth, Nancy Watkins, and RaeAnn Shelley)

The new chairman is Sara Gorham. She was nominated by Melanie Smith and RaeAnn Shelley seconded the motion with a unanimous approval from council. Melanie Smith was then nominated by Sara Gorham and was approved by the council majority vote. (Who seconded the nomination?)

Next, we reviewed the information in the binders which has a copy of our current year's School Improvement Plan (SIP) along with info. pertaining to school trust lands, the roles of the Community Council, and the bond presentation.

We will be meeting every other month on the first Wednesday, and on an at-need basis. The yearly calendar was approved and is as follows:

- November 4, 2015
- January 6, 2016
- March 2, 2016
- April 6, 2016
- April 27, 2016 (signing of new SIP plan)

Heather brought up her concern for class size discrepancy. (35 in 5<sup>th</sup> grade classes vs. 24 in Spanish immersion in 1<sup>st</sup> grade). Maren explained that it wasn't worth it to do a 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> grade split. The district gave our school 15 hours of aid time to compensate. We have 7 aids currently. Each English teacher in 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades has an aid for 3 hours daily on Monday - Thursday. When students go off track, the aids double as interventionists in reading, math etc. for the 6<sup>th</sup> graders and lower grades.

We have 1,065 students at Sand Springs Elementary. Growth is still large for our school and information was given to each council member on the new bond being voted on this fall. This money will build two new schools in our district, including a high school in Farmington and will amount to \$3.00 per year per family for 5 years totaling \$15.00 per family. Great Deal! The Davis School District's home page has a video that is excellent to explain what the bond will do for our student population.

Our bond presentation for the Layton Community Council Cluster is on Sept. 22, 2015 at Layton High School in the Little Theater at 7:00p.m. All were encouraged to attend.

We were reminded by Meggan that our class size is regulated by legislation, not by the district and that we should talk to our legislators to address the overcrowding issue.

We did get a new bike rack for the north side of the school and the crosswalk on Gentile and approx. 3400 W. is a great addition to our safety measures.

Adjourned until November 4, 2015 at 4:00p.m.