

North Davis Community Council Minutes

Nov. 14th, 2017

Attended: Maude Beckman, Liz Hansen, Carey Yardley, Carolyn Krey, Steve Poll, Michelle Wunderlich, Amanda Rodriguez, Trent Brown, Lori Warden

Absent: Kelland Davis, Karen Blackwood

Visitors: Shauna Haney, Ann Riding, Timothy Allen, Shauna Haney, Tawna Smith, Ben Wiley,

Welcome: Maude Beckman

Approval of last meeting's minutes:

Unanimous approval after amended to remove Mr. Brown from the absent report. Mr. Poll will see if it's okay that the teacher representatives trade off responsibility of attending and representing at cc.

Financial Update:

The tracker hired can't pull funds from two different entities or go over hours. So Natalie will be staying with the after school program. We will have to review the needs of this position and see how other positions are shuffled in the school to meet our needs and then it will be brought back to the council to see what we want to do and what support we can provide for the positions needed.

Will report back to CC in January for the effectiveness of the money that has been spent over the summer for training, after meeting with the PLC's.

The Technology meeting determined that teacher requests for technology will be reviewed and a plan for maintenance and upgrades will be made when those items are purchased.

Academic Update:

- **Preliminary 1st term Data**

Based on the number of students failing one or more classes there needs to be a little more support to 6th graders transitioning to 7th grade. Our ability to track, monitor and help with 9th grade credit recovery is getting better each year and we are able to help with more directed tutoring and assistance. The school is also rewarding those students who are performing at or exceeding expectations through improvement in grades and also achieving/maintaining high honor roll.

For those failing or receiving grades that are less than their potential we are collecting from data that teachers give as feedback so we can understand where our resources are needed and how to best help our community of students and their families.

Attendance is up to 95.63% average daily attendance. We'd like to get between 96%-97%. Mrs. Smith will be working with Clearfield High and Wasatch Elementary to find out why we have chronic absences and what can be done about them. Right now students who have missed 10% or more of classes so far this year are 28 7th graders, 28 8th graders and 39 9th graders. Attendance habits are formed in elementary school, so this group is trying to identify students and families at the elementary level that need assistance creating the habits that will help their students attend and be successful at school.

Tim is working closely with counseling and the students that need credit recovery to understanding why they failed in the first place. Jenny Talbot, through the Gear Up Grant is also trying to facilitate mentors to help those students succeed.

Next Tuesday is the Title 1 review. There will be a team here from the district to do a review of our Title 1 procedures. They will be here at 7:15 am to watch a slide presentation about NDJH and then at 8:00 am they'd like to meet with parents to ask them about the school, their involvement and making sure the school is communicating what the resources are for success at the school.

- **School Improvement Plan**

This plan is available to everyone. They can find it on the front page of the school web page.

- **Gear Up Grant**

We received another Gear Up Grant. Jeff Christensen will manage this grant. There is a component with this grant called Avid that is an enhanced study skills program that is a class for next years 8th graders. Tawna Smith will go shadow some schools that are already using this program and then she can bring those observations back to us for discussion.

Counseling Department Items:

Counseling is doing CCR's for the 9th graders and helping them get ready for 10th grade and getting them registered.

The end of January the counseling department will have the State Office of Education review.

After School Program:

Our enrollment numbers are almost to 70 kids. The state had us targeted for 45-50 students and so we're doing well with that. Some of the items that we attribute that to are the number of activities offered. We are starting our school play, The Little Mermaid. The schedule we follow is tutoring the first hour then we have a break and then go to our breakout classes.

We had our family night last night with Gear Up. We had over 200 parents up in the library doing Career and College readiness and the kids downstairs doing activities.

PTA:

Library:

Book Fair on November 4th – Huge success and will add a large number of books to our library.

Ann attended a conference from the AASL (American Association of School Librarians). She brought back information pamphlets for families on how the library supports children in their learning and the opportunity to have access to lots of different resources for information.

She also had sign ups for Friends of the Norseman Nook. Parents can sign up to help with different library events throughout the school year.

Thursday mornings she will have a club meeting here in the library. Steve will put it on the list of clubs available and Mrs. Warden will put it on the announcements.

Any other items:

Mrs. Warden said they are collecting items for the Bountiful Pantry through next Tuesday.

Food Truck is coming on the third Thursday to the upper parking lot at the high school. That is available to anyone. The school is also looking into having our own pantry (food, hygiene or clothing – depending on our needs) and is having the custodian look for a place where that could be housed.

Future Agenda Items:

Adjourn: Unanimous approval

Meeting dates: 1/9, 2/13, 3/14, 4/10, 5/8 @ 7:15 AM