

Central Davis Junior High School Community Council Meeting
Minutes
September 15, 2016
4:00 p.m.
Central Davis Junior High School

In Attendance: Conducting- TJ Barker, Principal
 Kristie Bennington, Teacher-Member
 Kim Harmon, Teacher-Member
 Matt King, Teacher-Member
 Shari Miller, Teacher-Member
 Julie Linford, PTA President
 Alina Ballard, Parent-Member
 Jennifer Perry, Parent Member
 Kyle Roche, Parent-Member
 Nicole Roche, Parent-Member
 Jay Yahne, Parent-Member

Absent: Kelly Janis, Chair, Parent-Member
 Melinda Mackey, Parent Member

1. Welcome/Introduction of New Members

Principal Barker opened the meeting at 4:00 p.m. New members of the council were introduced.

2. Elections

Principal Barker discussed the election process for the community council. Because there were four spots and four applicants there was no need for elections this year. Mr. Barker invited any parents who would like to join community council. The council must have two more parent-members than faculty-members but currently there is not a limit on the size of the council as long as it is manageable.

3. School Improvement Plan

Principal Barker explained the school improvement plan to the council. Central Davis has three district goals: student achievement; college, career, and community relations; and quality staffing. Additionally, there is one school goal: updating classroom equipment and supplies.

Student achievement, particularly writing, has been identified as an important area in which our student body needs to be strengthened. Traditionally, the seventh grade students at Central Davis have been below the district average in SAGE testing; the eighth grade students have been at the district average; and the ninth grade students have scored above the district average. The trust lands plan allows for two positions to be created to help achieve this goal: a literary specialist filled by Kim Harmon and a

currently unfilled position of writing specialist. The program is a schoolwide endeavor in which all departments work together. An effort to use a schoolwide vocabulary that is used in all departments is being made. The literary coach works with teachers throughout the school to ensure every department has three formative assessments a year and each assessment has a writing component.

College, career, and community relations includes concentrating on failing or credit-deficient students and on ways to help our students achieve college and career readiness and personal accountability. Our goal is to reduce the rate of credit-deficient students from 12% to 8%. Several programs are being funded by trust lands to help achieve this goal: Lunch Bunch, a lunch study hall; after school tutoring; and intervention day. Ninth graders also have the opportunity to work with their teachers if they are close but not quite passing a class. The student would receive an incomplete at the end of term and would be allowed up to two weeks in which to complete all work. If the work is not completed in that time, the incomplete will result in a failing grade.

Central Davis is working very hard to make sure all of the student body learns that they are ultimately accountable for themselves.

Central Davis will work to achieve the goal of quality staffing through the development of common formative assessments. The teachers of Central Davis work together with the other teachers in their subject area, both within the school and in some cases from other schools, to develop common assessments throughout the district. These groups meet three times a term to determine ways to elevate the achievement of every student by sharing ideas specific to the grade level and class.

The school goal of updating school equipment and supplies was aided last year by teachers preparing proposals for how they would spend trust land funds and then presenting those proposals to the community council. Last year, every teacher making a proposal was able to receive some funding to help meet their goals.

4. Meeting Times

Meetings will generally be held on the third Thursday of each month at 4:00 pm in the library. However, it was decided that the council will meet Thursday, October 6, 2016 due to the third Thursday of October being the first day of Fall Break. A state training for community council is being offered Wednesday, October 12 at Bonneville High School in Ogden.

5. Duties

The duties of the community council were discussed. The council is responsible for developing the school improvement plan to determine the best way to utilize trust land funds. The council is also responsible for digital citizenship at the school. A vice chair is needed to help support the chair. It was proposed that Kyle Roche be nominated for vice chair; Aliana Ballard made a motion, the motion was seconded by Jay Yahne, and the vote in favor was unanimous. A secretary was also needed. It was proposed that

Nicole Roche be nominated for secretary; Aliana Ballard made a motion, the motion was seconded by Jay Yahne, the vote in favor was unanimous.

6. Dismissal

Principal Barker thanked everyone for their desire to serve and dismissed the meeting at 5:00 pm.