

Central Davis Junior High School Community Council Meeting
Minutes
December 14, 2017
4:30 p.m.
Central Davis Junior High Elementary School

In Attendance: Conducting - Kyle Roche, Chair, Parent-Member
 TJ Barker, Principal
 Jay Yahne, Vice-Chair, Parent-Member
 Nicole Roche, Secretary, Parent-Member
 Jennifer Perry, Parent-Member
 Tobin Hagen, Parent-Member
 Kelli Harrison, Parent-Member
 Jen Ziernenberg, PTA Representative
 Kim Harmon, Teacher-Member

Absent: Shari Miller, Teacher-Member

1. Welcome

The meeting opened at approximately 4:35 p.m. Chair Kyle Roche welcomed the members of the council.

2. Approval of October 12, 2017 Minutes

Chair Roche presented the minutes from the October 12, 2017 meeting. Chair Roche noted that a mistake was made in the minutes previously distributed to the council: Parent-member Kelli Harrison was left off the attendance, and Chair Roche noted that the proposed minutes should be amended to reflect that Parent-member Harrison was present. Vice-chair Jay Yahne made a motion to approve the amended minutes. Parent-member Tobin Hagen seconded the motion. The motion passed without objection.

3. Planning for the 2018-2019 School Improvement Plan

Chair Roche and Principal Barker explained that one of the main duties of the Central Davis Community Council is to annually establish a School Improvement Plan. This includes aiding the school in establishing goals and areas to improve based on previous school performance and needs. As part of the process in past years, the council has offered teachers the opportunity to present proposals directly to the council to apply for some of the trust land funds it disburses. For example, last year, the council funded requests for new instruments, instructional materials used by the counselors, heart monitors for P.E., robotics equipment, and other proposals which fell within specific approved criteria outlined by state law and district policy. Chair Roche indicated that while the council is not obligated to follow this procedure this year, this was a positive way to make a direct impact on the classroom hearing straight from the teachers as to

their priorities where funding and law permitted and recommended continuing to include teacher proposals as part of the process when determining overall distribution of trust land funds. The council expressed its agreement with this process.

New members asked questions about where the money comes from and it was explained that the State of Utah has vast tracts of public land held in trust. These lands are used in various ways to generate revenue to fund a trust, the revenue is then invested by the state, and the interest from these investments is distributed to the schools of Utah to be disbursed by their community councils. Last year, Central Davis received approximately \$90,000.00 in trust land funds. 30-40% of that amount went to teacher proposals, while the rest went funded additional priorities, including tutors, credit recovery programs, and a mobile computer lab.

Based on prior experience, the school district will likely want a final plan sometime around the end of April to submit to the school board for final approval. Traditionally, the district hosts a planning meeting with the principal and council chair from each school in early April to outline specifics in the plan, while still needing the council to make a final determination prior to the final deadline. Based on the council calendar set earlier this year, the council plans to meet on April 12th to finalize the plan. The council discussed meeting dates for proposals, and it was agreed that all the teacher proposals be submitted and distributed in advance of, and presented by the teachers to the council at, the March 8th meeting. The school administration will advise the teachers of the opportunity to submit proposals and the details involved as it did last year.

4. Reminders:

a. Utah Educational Leadership Standards Survey

The district sent out a link to a survey sent out by the state, the council members were reminded to take the survey. Chair Roche will resend the link the district sent out.

b. Educate Davis Survey

This survey is a chance to give feedback to the district and is available through mydsd for a few more days. The council was encouraged to complete this survey as well.

c. Reporting Council Training

Chair Roche reminded the council members who haven't completed their training to please complete it and report it to him.

5. Review and Discuss Digital Citizenship: Internet Safety Proposal(s)

Another of the council's responsibilities is to provide the school with appropriate Internet safety training. The last two years, Central Davis has had an assembly using an outside presenter, NetSmartz. While this meets the criteria, there is concern that it is not as effective as it could be due to an assembly setting. It has been suggested that Internet/digital safety discussions would be much more effective in a smaller setting, such as having a brief video and discussion in homeroom. Further, there are other presenters in addition to NetSmartz who provide these types of materials. The council reviewed some of these videos but had some technical difficulties in viewing them on the library scree. It was asked that in advance of the January

meeting, the council review additional videos, articles and other media, as well suggest any others individual members may be familiar with, and choose a favorite. Chair Roche will send out links to additional resources for the council to review.

6. Known Issues/Items for Next Meeting

At the next meeting, the council will continue the Internet safety discussion and will start preparing for the School Improvement Plan.

A question was raised at the end of the meeting by a parent member about concerning student behavior that had been witnessed, particularly vaping. Principal Barker addressed the specific issue and discussed school policy and what can happen on and off school property, and thanked all parents for their concern and vigilance. He encouraged any parents with a concern to contact the front office so that issues can be dealt with timely and appropriately. He said he would address the issue in the next school email and hopes to keep a positive culture at Central Davis. Vice-chair Yahne made a motion to end the meeting, which was seconded by parent-member Tobin Hagen. The motion passed without objection. The meeting ended at approximately 5:35 p.m.