

## Davis High Community Council Minutes December 2, 2015

Attendees: Diana Anderson, Richard Swanson, Brad Chapple, Cerissa Thompson, Alan Porter, Ryan Wilco, Dianna Barton, Dorothy Watkins, Kimberly Luddington, Gregg Laub, Allison Frazier, Veronica Greenland, Andrea Richards, Corine Barney, LeeAnn Hyer, Carson Robb (student), Cade Hyde (student) and Sam Sargent (student).

Diana Anderson welcomed the Community Council and noted that the November minutes had been distributed to the members via email. Based on member's review of the minutes prior to the meeting, Veronica Greenland motioned to approve the minutes from September's meeting; Gregg Laub seconded the motion.

### **Business Items:**

The following topics were addressed:

1. Mr. Swanson reviewed the budget. The only groups currently using monthly Trust Lands' funds are the Truancy Tracker, Library Aid and Credit Recovery.
2. Discussion to approve budget adjustment for the Math Essentials Lab and Physics Labs was discussed. There has been a significant improvement (21% increase) in the Science/Physics department in the school. Davis moved from last to first place in the District.) The approved \$4500 needs to be increased to \$6800 to complete the needs of both labs. A motion to approve the funds was made by Gregg Laub. Veronica Greenland seconded the motion.
3. A teacher technology request was made by Cerissa Thompson for 40 Kindle Fire tablets to be used for Canvas access (to avoid having students use the computer labs.) Canvas is being incorporated more broadly among teachers. Kindles are the least expensive device available to run the Canvas program. Dianna Barton motioned to approve the funds, \$1700 (\$42.50/unit.) Diana Anderson seconded the motion.
4. Recognizing students for earning the Utah Scholar Award, by allowing them to wear the medal at graduation, was discussed. Currently, only school issued gowns and regalia is allowed to be worn. The Utah Scholar medal is sponsored by the same group that awards Academic Awards. The council felt it was an appropriate request to ask that the school consider changing its current policy.
5. Mr. Swanson asked Alan Porter to report on how he thinks the Counseling Department is doing and whether or not there are concerns. Mr. Porter explained that CCRs are done with all students. The counselors individually help all the incoming Juniors and Seniors with their schedules. However, students/parents can advise with other counselors if they so choose. Mrs. Steab manages all of the scholarships that come into the school. Davis High is the only school in the District with a scholarship secretary.  
Parent/Teacher Conferences will provide the Parent University for parents/guardians to learn more about scholarships, FAFSA, and have a scheduled session with a counselor to help parents learn how to better read their student's PLAN test result.

### **News:**

Carson Robb, SBO, reported that their fundraising goal was doubled with \$1200 cash. Cade Hyde explained the Sub for Santa plans, including businesses donating a portion of the

funds as well. An early-out reward was offered if the “Dash for Cash” goal of \$15,000 is met. There was a shout-out to the Girl’s Soccer Team. A USA-Today poll ranked them as number one in the nation! The team was also given the keys to Kaysville City by our Mayor, Steve Hiatt. Student body officers were also excited about Mr. Michael Siler’s presentation to them on E-cigarette dangers and the need for help to pass legislation the protect children, teens and adults from this epidemic. There will be a meeting on Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm. All schools are invited. Strategies to gather support at the District, then State level will be discussed.

**Community Council Goals:**

Allison Frazier presented the “Middle 40” subcommittee’s ideas on how the needs of these students can be better met. It was decided that the goal was to help these kids feel more connected to the school via a teacher, club, other students, etc. The following points were discussed:

- The importance of having someone to connect with students
- Clubs are needed to meet the needs of students. Could we ask teachers if they know of needs and/or would be willing to head up club?
- Would it be possible to add peer paid tutors for Physics and Biology (in addition to Chemistry) to help increase eligibility for Regence Scholarship? Mr. Swanson said, yes.
- The possibility of having a dedicated individual as a scholarship secretary (w/o wearing so many hats) was considered.
- It was proposed that we ask teachers, pay incentive, to incorporate a CTE Class w/ officer Wilco. Due to time restrains, it was suggested that more discussion continue at a later date.

Dianna Barton motioned to adjourn the meeting. Kimberly Luddington seconded the motion.