

DHS Community Council Meeting Minutes

December 3, 2014

Attendees: Richard Swanson, Julie Tanner, Stacy VanHercke, Gregg Laub, Julie Treadwell, Diana Anderson, Allison Frazier, DeAnn Draper, Teresa Perry, Veronica Greenland, Patricia Cifuentes, Dianna Barton, Dorothy Watkins, Conner Simonsen, Jason Taylor, Leeann Hyer, Bradley A. Chapple

- □ Julie Tanner welcomed everyone and last month's minutes were approved. (Motion by Dianna Barton, Veronica Greenland, second.)
- Gregg Laub reported on the findings of the ACT online survey recently administered. Natalie Leavitt, the course administrator at Davis confirmed that there is no lunch-time prep and there are definitely times throughout the year when the ACT Prep class is higher in demand. The possibility of getting more teachers to teach ACT Prep during those times was discussed.
 - SBO, Connor Simonson, was asked if he thought it would be helpful for students to receive a call-out or text alerts. He didn't think so.
 - The council asked Mr. Swanson if there might be the possibility of DHS offering a semester elective class. He said yes. The feasibility of early morning and evening class possibilities was also discussed.
- AVID Presentation – Stacy VanHercke (from Denver) helped explain the Achievement Via Individual Determination college and career readiness system. It is a school-wide structured approach to rigorous curriculum . Not only does AVID provide support for achieving students, but also offers direct support structure for first generation college students. It provides professional learning for educators by helping them organize instruction and improve teaching methods.

There is also an AVID class that can be offered as an elective course for students. It serves many purposes:

- Accelerates under-achieving students
- Teaches academic and social skills
- Provides intensive support
- Created positive peer support
- Develops a sense of hope and personal achievement

Granite Park Jr. High is a national demonstration school that we could visit to learn more. East High School, also in Salt Lake, is in training with the AVID program and would serve as a better comparison with DHS.

Stacy will provide a price sheet for explanation of costs.

- Student Body Officer, Connor Simonson, reported on the Sub for Santa program. Goal: \$18K Fundraising for the program includes an incentive chart, Dash for Cash, bachelor auction and online donations.
- Meeting was adjourned. Next meeting: Wed, Jan 7th at 6:30am.