

**Viewmont High School
Community Council Meeting Minutes
November 14, 2018**

In attendance: Jenny Pitt, Annette Godfrey, Tiffany Rees, Jason Smith, Heather Mackenzie-Campbell, Melissa Salimbene, Karen Williams, Ben Hill, Taryn Pike, Kristin Van Brunt, Nicki Ellis, Mac Tanner, Sheila Berbert, Sarah Barlow, Neola Jones

1. Jenny Pitt welcomed the members of the community council.
2. Ben Hill discussed our ACT Practice Test for all juniors in November, and the possibility of paying the \$800 fee with Trustland funds. He explained what a great opportunity we had to get really detailed reports and help on canvas afterwards. This should be a great help towards raising our scores significantly. Jason explained that this is the first time that Viewmont has had this opportunity. The \$800 fee is for the canvas class after the test that will help Juniors prepare for the spring test. This is something we are very dedicated to, and are planning to do this every year. We will have this on our funding request every year. It will increase going forward, because this year the District gave us a lot of money that won't be coming in the coming years. Discussion about the value of this, and the benefits are going to be great.
 - A. Motion was made by Jenny to pay the \$800. Motion was seconded, and approved.
3. Jenny – We will start soon looking at future spending with teacher grants and approaching the department heads, to get feedback to see where they have needs. Ben provided school profile. This is an odd year for statistics, due to the huge demographic shifts with new school opening. So this year can be looked at as one to establish a new baseline for Viewmont. Ben demonstrated the website on datagateway.schools.utah.org. He pointed out some of our statistics listed on this website. Our SAGE results are shown, which are lower than they should be, due to the fact that everyone knew it was the last year of that testing. Jason believes that this year we are going to see drastic differences in the needs of our students, and it may take a few years for some of those differences to be more clear. He is happy with our current results in ACT scores, but the needle doesn't move. We don't get worse, but we don't get better. We don't even have all of the West Bountiful students yet, and probably won't for a few more years. But with those needs unknown, at least we do know that the Practice ACT test is really valuable. Ben suggested that in January, we will start meeting with the department chairs, and by April, we have a good picture from them. Jason praised that process.
4. Vikings Give:
 - a. Taryn explains the Vikings Give program for this year. This year they are going with a foundation called GrandFamilies, families that have students being raised by grandparents due to parents who have drug addition or other problems and are unable to raise the children. We are going to be having a breakfast here at VHS, where they will receive a gift and come to breakfast. Taryn believes that the activity will be very beneficial.
 - b. Sarah Barlow - Yuletide Tree Fest: the different clubs and departments are going to be doing some theme trees. There is a news channel coming, a band playing, gift basket auction, etc. It will be a great evening. The trees will be sold by silent auction, and hoping to start each tree at about \$30. Jason asked everyone to try to spread the word

and encourage them to come and spend \$50 on a tree so that we get them sold. We will do Facebook events, social media accounts, putting out flyers, posting info in some community stores. NHS will be helping to get word out as well. She asked for everyone to share on social media. On Instagram the name is just "Vikings Give" The assembly is this week, Friday is the assembly. The students participating will be required to pay and bring a roll of wrapping paper to donate. Xander Johnson has produced a really wonderful video. The breakfast is December 20. The fee is \$75.00 again this year for students to participate.

5. Jason brought up the old gym floor fundraising project. He had a sample of what it will look like, and he asked what the group thinks as far as how much to charge. The wood shop is going to be making the plaques. After discussion, most felt it would be good to say "Donations starting at \$50"
6. Jenny had one more item – Collin Kartchner. Possibility of him coming to speak \$3,000. Jason says he gets multiple offers of people who want to come and present or speak at Viewmont. If we bring in any outside group and we use public money or even donated money, that says that Viewmont high school endorses this speaker and their message. All it takes is one slip and a principal is responsible for that. Jason said that we will not be coming to Viewmont. Jason said to send any requests like that to him, and he will be glad to explain it to them.
7. Another question about why there was no Christmas dance. Jason believes that Viewmont has more dances than any other school. Dances are hard because student behavior is so horrible at dances. The problem is the dancing that brings physically harmful dancing. We eliminated one dance from our year. First we eliminated the sweetheart dance. Then they had the idea to eliminate Christmas, and instead have a Winter Ball/Sweetheart dance in February .

Next meeting will be Wednesday January 16.

Jenny made motion to close meeting.