

Central Davis Junior High Community Council Meeting
Minutes
December 13, 2018
4:30 p.m.
Central Davis Junior High

In Attendance: Conducting – Kyle Roche, Chair, Parent-Member
Dr. Lori Hawthorne, Principal
Nicole Roche, Secretary, Parent-Member
Jen Zierenberg, PTA Representative
Daniela Harding, Parent-Member
Kathleen Peterson, Parent-Member
Kelli Harrison, Parent-Member
Tobin Hagen, Parent-Member
Michelle Downard, Teacher-Member
Stephanie Kay, Teacher-Member

Absent: Celia Larson, Vice Chair, Parent-Member
Jay Yahne, Parent-Member

1. Welcome

The meeting began at 4:36 p.m. Chair Kyle Roche welcomed the members of the Central Davis Community Council (CDCC). Kyle Roche wished the Council members a happy holiday season.

2. Approval of the November 8, 2018 Minutes

Chair Kyle Roche presented the minutes for the November 8, 2018 meeting. Two minor corrections, a spelling fix and a pronoun change, were recommended and adopted for the proposed minutes. A motion was made by Tobin Hagen to approve the amended proposed minutes with the spelling fix and pronoun change. It was seconded by Michelle Downard. The amended minutes were approved without objection.

3. Follow-up: Faculty Survey re: Dress Code

Chair Kyle Roche turned the time over to Dr. Hawthorne for the follow-up to the dress code discussion from the last meeting. Dr. Hawthorne explained she decided not to do the survey based on discussions with the faculty. In general, the faculty would like to have a dress code that is cognizant of fashion and trends. The faculty did express how uncomfortable they are with having to measure the length of clothing. It was suggested that instead of a set measurement that measurement be more related to body proportion. The faculty again expressed their love of the “Gingerbread Man” in helping to explain the dress code to students.

It was proposed that the Council follow any dress code issues as the year progresses and

address it as needed. In January or February, a subcommittee of faculty, MVCC members, and PTA members may be created to discuss and propose any changes to the dress code.

There was a question asked about the difference between jersey and dress up for the athletes and cheerleaders. A discussion followed to clarify.

Michelle Downard expressed her concern that this year students have been allowed to wear their uniforms on certain game days, consistent with the practice of Layton High School. With the change, the attitude of the classroom has changed, and it has been difficult to maintain an environment of learning.

Kelli Harrison suggested that the faculty should have more input than parents as they are more directly impacted on a daily basis and parents have a more personal and biased opinion. The faculty believes that the nicer the students are dressed, the better the behavior.

4. **Fortifying Families Suicide Prevention Program**

PTA Representative Jen Zierenberg spoke about the Fortifying Families Suicide Prevention Program. The program is presented by Art Brown, Utah MADD president. He has a DVD series that relates to mental health and suicide risk to home life. He notes that kids with a lack of love, discipline, etc. are at risk for substance abuse and suicide. The DVDs help families with bonding. They are sold online for \$5.00 at sfpvideos.org. Central Davis counselor Holli Oram has purchased a copy to for the school for families to check out. The Central Davis PTA would like to encourage Davis School District to have a copy for every family in the district.

The several members of the Council spoke with great admiration for the recent "Using Social Media for Good" assembly. The assembly was so successful that no one realized that school had ended. The parents that attended had great praise for the assembly and the student feedback has been very positive. It was suggested that a link to Colin Kartchner's soon-to-be-broadcast TED talk be linked on the Central Davis website. The Council thanked Council member Celia Larson for bringing this to Central Davis.

5. **Accreditation**

Davis School District will be going through the accreditation process in the upcoming year. Dr. Hawthorne showed a PowerPoint and explained that Davis School District is the only district in the state of Utah that accredits all schools, including elementary and junior high schools. Accreditation occurs every 5 years and is a status that shows the public that the district has met and maintains a high level of standards. The standards are set by an accrediting agency, AdvanceEd. The agency evaluates data and makes observations in random schools. This will help the district with improvements to teaching, management, and school environment that includes such factors as safety and even lighting. The evaluation process is similar to Evaluate Davis, which the teachers are familiar with for their evaluations. An important part of the accreditation process is a commitment to continually improve. To prepare for accreditation, the JSSC and Community Council has been asked to complete surveys about Central Davis Junior High. Dr. Hawthorne will send an email with the survey link which is: <https://goo.gl/forms/SXBZGEe72YyMo6GY2>.

6. Beginning SIP Goal Discussion

Chair Kyle Roche briefly explained how the SIP works. Kyle asked Dr. Hawthorne if the school had any likely goals yet or feedback in the form of testing results from the previous year. She said that she had not received any yet. Kyle Roche spoke about the teacher grants that CDCC has done in prior years. He loves the program so much that he was able to introduce it at his child's elementary school last year. He explained the process: the teachers fill out an application for funds, explaining how much they are requesting, what it will be used for, and why it should be considered by the council; the council members have a chance to review the applications prior to a meeting; the teachers are invited to present to the full council at a council meeting and answer questions; the council then recommends funding grants based on the applications consistent with state guidelines and the SIP goals.

Nicole Roche spoke of her support for the teacher grants. She shared a phone call she received over the summer from a first-grade teacher at Mountain View Elementary which had just started the teacher grant program last year. The teacher was crying because of how happy she was to have had the opportunity to spend the \$500.00 grant she had received. The teacher had never had the opportunity to do something like this and was overjoyed. Nicole explained that the majority of supplies in classrooms come out a teacher's personal funds. The schools are limited in their funding. Nicole also informed the council that due to changes in the tax laws, teachers can no longer deduct any funds spent from their own pocket. Nicole strongly encouraged the council to continue funding the teacher grants wherever possible.

The SIP plan must be completed by Thursday, March 28. The timeline was proposed as follows: January meeting – discuss the SIP goals, including goals from the administration and needs from STS; February meeting – refine the goals and hear the teacher proposals; March – finalize the SIP.

Kyle Roche will create the teach grant application and make it available on the website after the winter break.

7. Known Issues/Items for Next Issues

It was noticed that the February meeting fell on Valentine's Day. It was decided that the February 14 meeting would be moved to Tuesday, February 5 at 4:30 p.m. Kyle Roche asked if there were any known issues for the January meeting. The only known issue at this time is the SIP Planning.

8. Adjournment

Tobin Hagen made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Daniela Harding. The motion passed without objection. The meeting adjourned at 5:51 p.m.