

## Uintah SCC May 14

**Attendance:** Jake Skog, Amy Taylor, Jennifer Foth, Amanda Funai, Ellen Scwede, Carol Theurer, Bruce Simpson, Caroline Moreno, Angie Carter, Melissa Ford, Sam Hanson, Weston Clark

### Principal's report

Waiting for yearbooks to arrive. When they do we can decide the date to have teachers socially-distance out front by grade and yearbooks will be on a table. Families will come at certain times and drive through. Kids can get out and see their teachers. A chance to get some closure at a safe distance is needed. Also probably a good time to bring in computers. Waiting for input from the district. Maybe a balloon arch; maybe one for kindergarten and one for sixth. There is a book for everyone.

Talent show: Angie reports there is going to be a virtual talent show. There have been a few technical issues but she is working on getting the submitted videos to YouTube.

Jake asks if we are waiting to submit the Land Trust. Bruce confirms. It isn't due yet. Once submitted it goes to the Board for review. They might be other work sent by the State. They are going to hold off until after the summer. Melissa confirms that the State deadline is September 15, so they should be submitted to the District by September 1. This means the school won't be funded until October/early November but the district will cover the gap. SCC can review in August to see if the decisions remain the same, given the current fluid situation. This offers an opportunity to review current decisions while being held harmless.

Bruce reports that the PTA is holding Teacher Appreciation Week. They delivered treats and yard signs to the teachers. Angie thanked the PTA. Bruce showed the Uintah masks that he and his family have been making for teachers.

### SIC

Carol reports that faculty and SIC approved a proposal for the arts program next year. Ms. Brandley finished her Master's Degree and was looking for a job, which she found. She has been offered  $\frac{3}{4}$  time plus benefits, so she will have  $\frac{1}{4}$  time available to work with Uintah. It is very difficult to find drama specialists who can work with children. She has written a proposal in which each grade level gets two arts sessions per week, varying in nature. 3<sup>rd</sup> grade is a full year, K-2 is a trimester per year, plus dance and visual arts. Lower grades get 45 minutes a week. Upper grades 45 minutes every week other given how much music time they have. The vote to have her stay was unanimous.

Jacob brings up the calendar, and any decisions that may have been made in SIC last month. Carol reports that the only thing different is that SEPs went to a two-day format rather than three, with one day being a half day. Wed. is a full, Thurs is a half day. Technically they run from 3 on both days but are allowed a one hour prep. Since 8 is late for smaller kids teachers may opt to take their prep hour later and begin conferences earlier. This is still a proposal; the faculty ratified. The proposal is awaiting official go ahead. Moved the PD for teachers to three days before the school year starts, rather than the three non-student days on the calendar. Back to school night is proposed the Friday before school starts. The format is not yet known, as we don't yet know how we will be going back. Some teachers have missed

the sit-down time with parents without children there because they can deliver so much information, but nothing has been decided yet. For PTA there would be some sort of PTA session during that time.

## **PTA**

Ellen reports that Kenzie did a great job with Teacher Appreciation and will pass on the thanks. There is a Board in place for next year. Brian Cole is Treasurer. Melissa Jansen president. Alli Crockett will continue as secretary she believes. Thanks to Jennifer for wrapping up yearbooks which have been sent to the publisher.

## **District**

Sam reports that the Board is meeting on Tuesday, on Facebook live. There are many unknowns, but there is a lot of creativity and planning for various eventualities. As for the Land Trust, most of those Sam is aware of, including ours, are looking good. Search for interim Super is underway, search for Biz Admin will begin soon. Bruce applauds the Board meetings on Facebook. Melissa considers that to be a good side effect, which has extended the audience and reach. She will recommend that it continue, as it gives better access to people. Even when the Board returns to the Meeting room, she hopes to continue the Facebook broadcasts. Melissa echoes Sam's thoughts about all the creativity that employees are bringing to bear in all areas. Busses with Wifi, teachers still teaching, 60-70,000 meals a week being served. There is a lot of planning at the District level for every eventuality they can imagine for next fall. The Governor announced today that much of the state is moving from orange to yellow, but not Salt Lake. There are many possibilities; we may have to stagger start and end times, it's still unknown. Feedback is very welcome. Carol asks: during the online Board Meetings is anyone following the chat line? Is anyone related to the Board monitoring that in some way, even if not live? Melissa appreciates the feedback. She has gone back to review that feed, and she thinks that many members have, but there may be value in having someone monitor the feed as it happens. Carol clarifies that she's not necessarily implying a live response, but perhaps getting that feedback as it happens, or even striking a comment if it's inappropriate. Melissa likes getting that feedback, and it's a lot more people than a regular meeting. Melissa reminds that her main goal as Board President is transparency. Melissa says that the biggest celebration for her is seeing what people can do when given a challenge, and not have endless restrictions. Guidelines of course are helpful but the creativity has been very impressive, across the spectrum. The Superintendent will be discussed on Tuesday, as well as the COVID planning. The Biz Admin position is posted; closes Monday, May 18. The Board will screen applications on May 21 and interview on May 27 (Wednesday); June 1 public interviews with finalists; June 9 will be announcement, to start July 1. The public interviews would be Webex with Facebook live. First round is in closed session. As the candidate pool narrows the interviews become public. The Board aims to announce an interim Superintendent by June 9 as well. There is high interest in the position, and candidates see our city as a great destination. Melissa is encouraged by this level of interest. Caroline asks what we are looking for in a new Super. Currently we are looking for an interim. We've had the Super and Biz Admin on the same two-year cycle. Currently looking for an interim to work with us for a year, then have a very public engaged process to hire the full time contracted position. Now looking for elevated levels of experience; someone perhaps near the end of their career or who have retired. Someone who already knows our district, and someone who can unite the Board. These candidates do exist; the Board has drawn up a list and she feels that any one of the people listed would be excellent interim candidates to help us navigate for a year. An open process for the longer-term Super will begin almost immediately. Lots of community

engagement will be solicited for this part of the process. There may be a need for a candidate with experience with budget cuts.

Jacob wishes to move to approve April minutes now that all members are present and session is being recorded. Carol seconds. All vote in favor; none opposed. Carol speaks for the teachers to thank parents in helping their students with so much that is new, and they appreciate parent involvement and interest. Jacob stresses that the feeling is mutual and the parents appreciate all the teachers' hard work learning this new way of teaching.

Jacob moves to adjourn; Angie seconds.

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