

Minutes from  
**Sunset Jr High Community Council Meeting**  
Held Thursday, January 28, 2021

1. Events, Recent and Forthcoming:
  - a. Parent Teacher Conference will be held end of Feb. Will include videocall and in-person options, as per parent request.
  - b. 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Orientation took place this last week. Carried this out with a different format, which seemed to work very well.
  - c. Course Requests for 2021-2022 are taking place now. One parent expressed concerns about 1) the shorter time allowed for registration this year, and 2) perceived school rigidity in not allowing schedule changes. Principal Jackman said he will address these concerns with school staff. He also explained that a large influx of new students this semester (students leaving exclusively online learning) has necessitated a shorter/quicker time window for registration.
  
2. School Improvement Plan Mid-Year Update
  - a. Principal Jackman explained to the committee in detail what is being done to carry out school improvement goals for the current school year. He also went over the Trust Lands budget. Accordingly, the Council is more than satisfied that school resources and funds are being used in the best way possible to benefit students at Sunset Jr. High. Additionally, students at Sunset, as a whole, are making highly satisfactory progress in learning, despite the current complications of the pandemic.
  - b. It is worth noting that some funds are, of necessity, being used to update structural technology that we expected to be totally replaced by a newly built school. Despite postponement of the bond and construction, school staff are finding ways to still provide optimal technology for student learning.
  
3. School Improvement Plan Beginning Conversation for 2021-2022
  - a. Principal Jackman explained how a continuing goal for Sunset will be to narrow the gap between student performance at Sunset and average student performance in Utah. Our testing scores fall 6-7% behind state average in Language Arts, Math, and Science. This goal – to narrow the gap - is, in fact, already the focus of current school plans, programs, and practices.
  
4. Next Meeting
  - a. February 25, 2021