

## Uintah Elementary School Community Council Meeting

January 4, 2021

4:45 – 6:00 pm

### Open Meeting/Roll Call

Bruce Simpson, Jake Skog, Angie Carter, Erika Hill, Jennifer Foth, Ellen Schwede, Melissa Jansen, Amy Taylor, Amanda Funai, Caroline Moreno, Melissa Ford,

Welcome to Uintah SCC Meeting. Jacob Skog leading January Meeting.

### Agenda:

Approve November meeting minutes (leftover from December meeting) No objections, Jakob moved to adopt, All in favor.

Approve December meeting minutes- Jakob moved to adopt December minutes, Angie 2nd, all approve, no objections.

Discuss leftover business from prior meetings (if any)

- Yearbook: Jennifer Foth said it is looking good. Has over 150 emails with pictures. Only worry there will not be a lot of buy in and/or purchases from parents. Bruce mentioned getting pictures of missing students. Jennifer mentioned that it would be easy to input a picture but getting pictures from parents would be the hard part. Jennifer would love to get screenshots from some meetings to put in yearbook. Ellen mentioned the PTA could do yearbook sales as a fall fundraiser.

Report from Principal:

- Safe Route: Mr. Simpson shared the safe walking route that he had to submit to the state. There used to be two crossing guards on the corner of 1300 So. & 1500 E but now there is only one. Please encourage those you know that may be interested to sign up to be a crossing guard. Does the route still make sense? Bruce motioned that we adapt the route as is and Angie 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor, no objections.
- Fees: Elementary schools do not charge fees. After-School there is a fee but aside from them there are no fees to participate in school activities.
- Field Trips: There probably won't be a lot of field trips, if any, this year. No overnight field trips will be allowed.
- Donations when we return in person. We would really use hand sanitizer as we expect to go through it very quickly. Water bottles will be provided but we encourage students to bring their own water bottle.
- Wednesday pick-up day for remote students who need to pick up materials.
- Update on in-person learning. Email went out last Friday with schedules and basic procedures. Tomorrow an email will go out including our Covid Manual. K-1 will start on February 25<sup>th</sup>. 2-3 Will Start on February 1<sup>st</sup>. 4-6 will start on February 8<sup>th</sup>.
- Teachers are committed to meet the needs of on-line learners. Jake Skog talked about how 2<sup>nd</sup> grade is only grade that is doing some re-organization. Teachers are checking with parents

regarding their choice to return to in-person or stay online. Our goal is to try to have the least amount of disruption as possible for the fewest kids. Many parents have changed their minds from initial request. Our goal is to get the class lists out by end of week, first of next week. We will revisit class choices at the trimester break so parents will be surveyed again at the end of February.

- Vaccinations for teachers. First appts were available starting at 3:00 today for those 55 and up that wanted to participate. Next week more teachers and staff will be able to get the vaccine. Melissa mentioned that it is a “offer”, you do not have to participate. It will be offered to ALL employees. It is not required by district. It is not recommended to ask teachers if they have been vaccinated or not.
- COVID Handbook-
  - a. General Guidelines
  - b. Five Key Mitigating Practices
  - c. General Expectations
  - d. Policies & Procedures
    - i. After School
    - ii. Air Filter
    - iii. Breakfast in Lunchroom
    - iv. Classroom Sanitizing
    - v. Computer Lab
    - vi. Contact Tracing
    - vii. Custodial Cleaning Products- Hypochlorous Acid, not dangerous, kills a lot of dangerous bacteria,
    - viii. Early School Pick-Up
    - ix. Entering School Building
    - x. Events and Field Trips
    - xi. Exposure to COVID-19 at School for students and Staff
    - xii. Faculty Lounge
    - xiii. Hallway Procedures for Whole Class or Individual Movement- Purposeful Movement within the building
    - xiv. Handwashing and Hand Sanitizing
    - xv. Laptops and Student Electronic Devices
    - xvi. Lockers- Minimize stuff to cut down time spent at lockers.
    - xvii. Masks and Face Covering
    - xviii. Plexiglass Barriers
    - xix. Quarantining
    - xx. Recess and Playground Usage
    - xxi. Restrooms
    - xxii. School Nurse Contact Information
    - xxiii. Shared Belongings or Items
    - xxiv. Social Distancing
    - xxv. Specials (Art, Drama, Library, etc.)
    - xxvi. Students or Adults Manifesting Symptoms at School
    - xxvii. Substitute Teacher Procedures

- xxviii. Symptoms of COVID-19
- xxix. Tardy or Late Student Arrival Procedures
- xxx. Teacher Work Rooms
- xxxi. Temperature Checks
- xxxii. Visitors
- xxxiii. Water Bottles

Report from SIC (SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL)- Carol Theurer is missing due to her getting vaccine.

- Monday, Tuesday both Synchronous and Asynchronous, Wednesday Asynchronous with an hour of Synchronous in AM, Thursday and Friday both Synchronous and Asynchronous.
- Encouraging students to eat school lunch and bringing disposal lunch sacks to prevent spread.
- Specials will still be happening.
- Clear barriers will be used in classes.
- No Valentine parties this year
- Teachers will be prepared regardless of online or in person. It will not be easy, but they will make it work.

Report from PTA

- Food drive went well. East High was incredibly grateful. Look forward to throwing pies into Bruce's face.
- Meet usually on 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the Month. Zoom meetings.

District Updates

- Superintendent Search: Job application closes on Monday at 11:59 PM. Many community meetings are designed to get input on what kind of experience, expertise, qualities in candidates. The board needs to be unified of exactly what they are looking for. Professional development for all board members and need for them to be on a unified front. Infographic is supposed to be on district website that tells timeline of hiring new superintendent. 2-year contract for new hire. Larry Madden has expressed no interest in applying for job. It is an intense but instructive process.
- Vaccination: started today. Anxious to hear how it went. Being administered at West and Highland High Schools.
- Board meeting on Tuesday. Professional development happening before meeting that are open to public.
- Bonus for teachers: Headed in right direction for teachers to receive bonuses. Misstep on legislative part and lack of understanding about what is happening with the SLCSO district. Melissa is proud of our district. Not all parents are frustrated and are happy with how the district has conducted itself. There is no right answer. We are not in the position to make everyone happy.
- Legislators tend to look at SLCSO as a rich district. Off and on over years we have had to give money to other districts for county wide equalization. 7 Million over 10 years. Hopefully, what they pulled with the stipend never happens again.
- Really excited about 3 new board members. Mohammed is our new board member. This board is a better representation of people in our district. The hope that the board can really come together in a really cohesive way and focus on the ecosystem of our district.

Call for motions?

Jake moves to ADJOURN. Angie seconds. No opposition. Meeting is adjourned.