

Uintah Elementary School Community Council Meeting

March 11, 2021

4:45 – 6:00 pm

Open Meeting/Roll Call

Bruce Simpson, Jacob Skog, Angela Carter, Erica Huamani, Amy Taylor, Melissa Ford, Carol Theurer, Ellen Schwede, Melissa Jansen, Erika Hill, Amanda Funai

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

Agenda:

Approve January meeting minutes- Jakob Skog moved to approve minutes from February Meeting. Angie Carter 2nd, all in favor, no oppose.

Discuss leftover business from prior meetings (if any)

- None

Report from Principal:

- Remote vs In-Person. Almost 300 in person out of 390. Roughly about 75%. Many parents are wanting kids to return after Spring Break.
- Reports cards should be mailed out the beginning of the week.
- State gave waiver for evacuation drills but now has revoked so evacuation drill scheduled for 03/12/2021. Next month is Great American Shakeout.
- Safe Walking Route- Bruce shared same route that has been approved before. Many questions regarding safety of some of the street crossings. Concern of kids crossing on 15th and 17th without a crossing guard (also no flags). Bruce will mention to transportation department. Jakob suggested one or two members of the committee take a deeper look and fix problems with route and meet on it again in April.
- Staffing and Budget update- Report came in for next year. Without adjustments we would have lost 2 FTE but we are only now losing .5FTE. After discussing with SIC and looking at how class sizes are funded, we ended moving a FTE from the 5th grade to the 3rd grade. Projecting 25 in each 5th grade classes and 16 in 3rd grade classes. 4 teachers in 3rd grade and 2 teachers in 5th grade. Understanding is there will be no Kindergarten Enrichment next year. Moving Ms. Gannuscio (Rigby) to 3rd Grade, Ms. Carter to 6th Grade, Ms. Cook to 6th Grade, Ms. Simons to 4th Grade. Obviously, these classes are subject to change if any teachers decide to look for position elsewhere. Currently paying for many Paraprofessionals out of the TSSA fund. SIC decided to use that fund to pay for .5 FTE that we lost to keep staffing numbers the same this next year. Amy asked if we are trying to keep Para's for each grade-level next year. Bruce spoke about trying to keep the extra support with Para's after a hard year like this year. Cares ACT money will help with this for next year.

- Teaching and Learning and Community Education is looking at having a very robust summer school program this summer because it has been such a difficult year. More information to come. Exciting opportunity for Para's & teachers to work in the summer.
- SSP (School Improvement Plan)- Reviewed SSP goals and Improvement. Reviewed Kaegen strategies that a committee was trained and came back and trained the staff on. Focus on including remote students in meaningful classroom activities so that 100% of our remote students feel that they are part of the class. Next year when we set our goals, we will make sure that our TSSA money is being used in meaningful ways.
- Trust Lands Plan due on April 16th. Last year Uintah hired a .5FTE employee to support our English Language Learners in their academic success and behavioral needs of tier 2 & 3 learners. Behavioral needs were not as used as we were not in person for much of the year. WIDA results showed many students tested out while the rest improved their WIDA scores showing much growth was made with our ELL students. Over half of our ELL students made proficient in the English language. Data is showing helping these students is effective. Also, having a full-time position with including .50 FTE for ELL creates consistency in SpED instead of keeping looking for a half-time SpED teacher. Additional money can be used in all areas including helping to pay for Paraprofessionals. This year we have used the extra money for Paraprofessionals. Thought is that it has been a worthwhile investment in all areas. Two goals for next year would be .5 FTE for ELL and the rest to support Paraprofessionals in teaching Language Arts and Mathematics. Paraprofessionals cost around \$19,000-20,000 a year. Thoughts from Committee is they like it as it is pretty close to what we did last year. We will vote at next meeting, so request is to talk to community and get feedback.

Report from SIC (SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL)- Nothing is different from SIC than what Bruce covered.

Report from PTA-

- Quite a few open positions for board next year. President, Secretary and treasurer is all staying but many opening in other positions. Go to uintahpta.org to see opening positions.
- Art Night- Megan Gibbons is chair and looking to spread it out to Art Week that people can participate in via Zoom.
- 6th Grade Graduation coming soon. Need volunteers. Possibility of outdoors graduation.
- Bylaws are expiring this year so will need to update them.

District Updates- Melissa Ford

- New Superintendent. Finalizing contract this week.
- Plans for summer. Summer school.
- Fall 2021 plan will be worked in. All discussions look like things will be going back to a normal Monday-Friday schedule. Will have a separate remote option. Will not be asking teachers to teach both.
- New district webpage.
- New COVID dashboard that reports COVID cases for each school.
- 2nd public hearing on student fees

- Some changes worth keeping. Canvas, Zoom parent teacher conferences, utilizing available technology.
- Reading scores have sustained even through the pandemic. Thinks it is due to students having to do independent reading.

Call for motions?

Jake moves to ADJOURN. Amy Taylor seconds. Meeting adjourned.