

Uintah Elementary School Community Council Meeting

February 11, 2021

4:45 – 6:00 pm

Open Meeting/Roll Call

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

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

Agenda:

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

Discuss leftover business from prior meetings (if any)

- None

Report from Principal:

- Update on return to school- Things going very well. Lots of smiling “eyes”. Great to feel the energy of the students and they are adapting well to new routines and way of doing things. It will take a while to get in the groove and find a rhythm. Our hope that drop-off and pick-up is going well as it has cut down on a lot of congestion. Kids are doing great with their stamina of a longer day. Some things will be bumpy. One main focus is how to incorporate distance learners and consciously include them throughout our day.

Angie Carter spoke about the beauty of Canvas and how easy the transition it has been. Kids are doing awesome. Kids are way into their work, not taking it for granted maybe like they used to. It’s been a nice transition.

Caroline asked if kids are at same level as they were in previous years with less rigor. Bruce spoke about kids not being at same level. Trend data has not been accessed yet. Angie Carter spoke about rigor not being off, even without doing homework. 5th Grade feels like what they are assigning in their classes is more than adequate with what they are learning. Most everything students are doing is supervised by teachers compared to things being done at home. Amy spoke about how she feels like her student is accomplishing a LOT. Jacob spoke to the progress with what his sons has been able to do, how he is engaged and learned much throughout the year. Bruce spoke about the increase of technology skills.

- Budget Update- There are plusses and minuses. Budget is figured off of enrollment and ours is down about 80 kids or so. We have lost some funding due to enrollment being down. However, the district did receive Cares Act money based off enrollment. We lost right around \$12,000 in funding but we got back 36,000 from the Cares Act fund. A lot of this money will be used to help pay for Paraprofessionals which we find beneficial to work with small groups. Slightly concerned

about the numbers of students we have lost. Staffing will be released in the next few weeks. Anything we can do to shed some positive press and hope for their return would be great.

- Overnight/Extended Field Trips- No field trips. Rarely seen overnight or extended field trips in Elementary Schools.
- SEP Conferences- February 24 & 25. The 25th is only half day scheduled for the year. Still trying to work out logistics because of lunch schedules. Looking at having 4th-6th grades having a Grab & Go Lunches. Also, time constraints prevent us from moving lunch times back. Wednesday still an asynchronous day. Bookfair will still be happening.

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

- Angie Carter spoke about how grateful teachers and staff are for parents' support.
- Valentines party will include games and class activities, no food.
- SEP's will be on Zoom
- Encouraging students to take laptops home to get in routine and they will need them on Wednesdays. Also, situation like snow day or in the event of sickness students will be able to always log on to school. Want students to always have access at home.
- We will be monitoring students that may be experiencing symptoms of COVID and working with office to follow up with results. If a student goes home, so will their siblings.
- End of term March 4th. Parents will be receiving report cards via mail.
- Kids are flourishing with the change back to in-person school. If you are on the fence about having your students return know that things are going very well. There have been so many positive things that have come out for the past few months. It has been very difficult, but our staff is very passionate about the students and really care. From custodian staff, to office, Paraprofessionals, teachers and Principal we all really support each other and care. Parents also have it very difficult.

Report from PTA

- PTA Day at capital on February 16th. Register online. Highlighting advocacy about how the PTA interacts with the legislature.
- Art Night. May need parent volunteers but will know in a few weeks.
- 6th Grade graduation towards end of the month will start being planned.

District Updates

- Governor Cox is really working to get vaccine spread throughout the state.
- Three candidates for new Superintendent. Very different, yet qualified candidates. Each candidate will have one day withing the district, tour schools, interview with administrators, teachers and staff, public live interview with board and community and parent meeting in the evening. The hope is to find the right candidate that the community is looking for in a leader. Candidate will start July 1st. Looking for ways to build in overlap between Superintendent Madden and the new Superintendent.
- Mohammed Baayd said text is best 801-358-0254 if you need to reach him for any reason.

Bruce spoke about the next meeting will be after the trimester. Question of how to reach out to parents about if they want to change their mind regarding change in learning choice. It will come from the individual school rather than a district wide survey. Teachers are also in constant contact with individual families and can help facilitate a change wither way.

Call for motions?

Jake moves to ADJOURN. Amy Taylor seconds. No opposition. Meeting is adjourned.