Uintah Elementary School Community Council Meeting

October 7, 2021

4:45 – 6:00 pm

Open Meeting/Roll Call

Bruce Simpson, Amy Taylor, Ellen Schwede, Amanda Funai, Melissa Jansen, Melissa Ford, Angie Carter, Carol Theurer, Erika Hill, Robert Jansen

Welcome to Uintah SCC Meeting. Bruce Simpson/Amanda Funai leading October Meeting.

Agenda:

Introduction of members and new attendees.

New SCC Member discussion- Suggestions were made on how to get more members on SCC. Motion to accept members at meeting made by Bruce. Angie Carter seconded. Motion passed.

Discussion and Election- SCC Chair and Vice Chair positions. Melissa Ford is happy to train anyone. Being chair is a fantastic opportunity to get to know school policies and Land Trust. Carol Theurer nominated Amanda Funai for Chair, Ellen Schwede seconded, all in favor. Ellen Schwede nominated herself for Vice-Chair, Amy Taylor seconded, all in favor.

Approve previous meeting minutes from September 2021? Tabled and will look back into it in November as minutes were not sent out to the committee.

Leftover business from previous meeting: None

Report from Principal:

- Budget: a lot of money is encumbered in some fashion. Textbooks & supplies take up a lot of money. This year or next year a new Language Arts program will have to be purchased which is expensive to purchase hardback books. 1033 for instructional paraprofessionals along with TSSA money. CARES money will also help to pay for Para’s. Field trip money, which will be used more this year. The librarian is really trying to beef up library current offerings which is using up a lot of her budget. Land Trust pays for ½ of Ms. Gustafson’s salary and some Para’s. We hired another Para to work with 4th grade and cross-trained to work in the office.

- School Success Plan: Literacy and Numeracy goal is on the EOY assessments, 5% more MORE students will score proficient. Upper grades will use RISE benchmark and would like 77% or more students scoring as proficient. By end of 2022, we will close the achievement gap goal by 6% for our Students with Disabilities and Multiple Language Learners measured at EOY testing. Cultural Goal- By end of the 2021-2022 school year, 100% of Uintah students will be recognized for either a monthly positive character trait or being a spotlight Student of the Month. The question is if this goal is comparable to pre-pandemic. The thought is that it is reasonable for the pandemic that we are in and happy that it is focused on growth.

Report from SIC
• Science Fair- Would like to make it equitable for all students. One suggestion was the Science Fair would be optional this year.
• Field Trips- making sure there is a little bit of money set aside for them. Parents can donate to SLED and earmark students' grades is a wonderful way to ensure children get access to awesome experiences.
• Recess- no tackle football, climbing on top of tricky bars, etc.
• Volunteers- want parents to feel welcome at Uintah but also are volunteering for a specific reason. Contact tracing those in the building. 1 on 1 students volunteering requires a background check. Question on how long background checks last, Bruce found out that they are permanent. Leaving it up to teachers to reach out to parents for volunteers. Older grades may not need as many volunteers as younger grades do.
• Halloween party- take home bag so students will not be eating in classroom being that there is not spacing like there is in the cafeteria. Parade will be outside only. Because students will be closer together, they will need to wear their COVID mask during parade, no full-face masks.

Report from PTA

• PTA Meeting- membership voted to require masks at PTA sponsored events. (Cannot require but can request/encourage). Most events are on school property, when on school property you are encouraged to wear masks.
• Air purifiers- hope is to get one in each classroom, but realistically focus is to get air purifiers in the lunchroom as eating outside is logistically not possible. Using PTA funds and hopes of raising extra funds to purchase and maintain air purifiers.
• Halloween Carnival on October 22 from 5-7 pm. Kids and adults are encouraged to wear costumes.
• T-shirts in November. PTA is wanting to have a school store where kids can purchase. Faculty members have asked about Spirit Store.
• Yearbook theme picked out. Send pictures to uintahyearbook2021@gmail.com.

From the Board

• New Superintendent doing a listening tour in each of the 7 precincts of the district. We are in precinct 6 and our town hall is on October 21st at Clayton Jr High. This is his opportunity for him to hear from you.
• Student Achievement Plan- setting goals and visioning for district.
• Forward progress, lots of change.
• Melissa Jansen asked about the future of mask mandate through the state. The mandate is a 30 day at a time order. The data does show that there are fewer cases in SLCSD due to the mask mandate. It is hopeful that the mask mandate will continue.

Call for motions?

ADJOURN: Carol Theurer calls to adjourn the meeting. Amy Taylor seconded. All in favor, no oppose.