

Community Council Minutes **Tuesday, September 27, 2022**

Attendees: TJ Naylor - Principal, Emily Jensen, Julianne Zollinger, Rachel Helgeson, Robin Brown
Sean Neal, Matt Trump; Julie Hoth - PTA liaison - first few minutes of introductions

Absent: Brooke Haag

Introductions

- The objective of Community Council is to liaise between school and the community, and to bring back information to the council.
 - Community may register complaints, that we then discuss as a council.
 - We want to ensure the community is being heard - we can help to filter those concerns and address in real time.

Expectations

- We will go over student data and school achievement data to determine areas for and methods of improvement
- We get about 78k from LAND Trust – Council writes and submits a plan on how to spend the money
 - Principal Naylor makes a proposal and we look at data to adjust the spending as determined by the council
- Internet safety night - ensure digital safety is taught through the school community
 - Previous years - sent out a flier one year, did a big event night another; it can be big or small but it is the council's responsibility
- Help implement the school improvement plan
- Advisory role for the school
- Community Council is focused on test schools and academics; PTA is focused on extracurricular and student life – these are not mutually exclusive and we will work together!

Assignment of Community Council Roles

- Chair – Julianne Zollinger was chair last year
 - Responsibilities include: proposing meeting agenda and servicing as the main point of contact with TJ. Chair leads the council meetings - they are in charge of this process
 - 2022-2023 chair – Julianne Zollinger – Rachel Helgeson nominates, Emily Jensen seconds, unanimously confirmed by the council
- Vice Chair –
 - Responsibilities: serves if the Chair is absent and takes minutes to be posted to the public as these are public meetings
 - 2022-2023 Vice Chair – Matt Trump - Rachel Helgeson nominates, Julianne seconds, unanimously confirmed by the council
- PTA Liaison – The hope is that PTA and Community Council will work together more during this school year – liaison will facilitate.
 - Responsibilities: Attend PTA meetings on the 2nd wed of every month, to ensure we're working together and we're on the same track. Additionally, serve as the CC representative for the joint PTA/CC fundraiser this year.
 - 2022-2023 – Robin Brown – Julianne Zollinger, as Chair, assigned the role, Robin accepted
- Book Review Groups – Principal Naylor
 - District Book Review - District has asked community members to serve as a review committee for books when they are challenged at the district level

- The plan is for a maximum of 4 book reviews through the year for the member before rotation
- For a book to be permitted, it must not violate Utah Code 53G-10-103.
<https://le.utah.gov/xcode/Title53G/Chapter10/53G-10-S103.html> Challenged books will be evaluated based on the criteria given.
- The district has streamlined the process to allow challenged books to be reviewed by an objective, diverse, and transparent review committee
- Review committee's will be selected, at random, out of the representatives across the district community councils
 - Julianne has been asked by TJ to be the District book review, Julianne accepted
- School Based Book Review - Heather Taylor, School Librarian, is required to obtain approval for proposed book purchases approved by the school committee
 - Largely communication through email to approve a list of books
 - 2022-2023 - Rachel Helgeson has been nominated by Julianne, Rachel accepted

Halloween Costumes Discussion

- The pros and cons of Halloween costumes were discussed at length with arguments made for and against
 - The summary of the conclusion of the council is that costumes have, in the past caused unnecessary stress for teachers and have become problematic
 - Students will still be invited to participate in Halloween parties and are welcome to wear fun socks or shirts etc...
 - Costumes have not always been allowed at Stewart and the council was in favor of Halloween costumes not permitted for this year

Brief Discussion of Emergency Prep Plan

- If we have to evacuate, the primary area is the field behind the school
- Secondary evacuation area is the LDS Church at 950 N Main St, Centerville, UT 84014, in the big grass area
- Staff have emergency bags, including who can check kids out, kids won't go with anyone not on the list; Please update your lists annually

Next Meeting Notes/Agenda Points

- Emergency lights in the bathrooms
 - Talked about back up lighting in bathrooms for the 2021-2022 community council session
 - Sean will head up and give an update on this next meeting
 - Sean had a specific type of light in mind - he'll dig and bring some examples
 - 17 total bathrooms
- Next Meeting: Monday, October 10, Superintendent Dan Linford is holding a community council cluster for this area of DSD at the Viewmont auditorium
 - The Principal, Chair, and Vice-Chair are requested to attend
- 2022-2023 Community Council Meetings will be held the 2nd Thursday of each month
 - Next meeting is 11/10/2022 in the Stewart conference room at 3:30-4:30
- TJ will send out a training video for all CC members to view.

Julianne Zollinger motioned to close, Rachel Helgeson seconded, unanimously approved