

# **North Layton Jr High Community Council Minutes Jan 13, 2023 @ 9am**

**Welcome:** Council Chair, Debora Baird led the meeting

IN ATTENDANCE: Debora Baird, Abe Carlsruh, Nicole Johnston, Jorge Galvez, Cindy Garlick, Pat Limas, Brooke Walters

EXCUSED: Ed Campbell, Thomas Walsman

ABSENT: Vince Clow

## **Approval of minutes**

Cindy Garlick motion to approve minutes from Nov 2022 meeting, seconded by Abe Carlsruh

Motion passed unanimously

## **Current accounting report**

Dreambox is not being funded this year because there has been a change in the Math department and this software will no longer be used. The amount appropriated for this expense (\$5,500) is now available to be used elsewhere.

The total amount of the 2022-2023 unencumbered Trust Lands funding is \$28,220.78. There can only be a 10% rollover from any budget year, which means approx \$10,000 needs to be used before the end of the fiscal year (June 2023)

The Council discussed asking educators to submit grant proposals that could possibly be funded with the outstanding monies. It is possible the monies could be spent on productivity, which would fund instructional coaches to help teachers with their professional development. The department heads will be contacted to learn of any needs there that could also be funded with Trust Lands monies. More discussion and possible approval of funding at the next meeting.

## **2023-2024 budget and School Improvement Plan**

The Council expects \$138,649.31 in new funding for the next fiscal year. This amount could be more depending on the appropriation outcomes of the Legislature budget. The Utah Legislature is currently in session, so final numbers are not expected until the beginning of March. However, the amount of new funding will not be less than \$138,649.31.

Past School Improvement Plans have focused on three goals; increase graduation readiness, increase math competency, and improve reading/writing comprehension. The 2023-2024 goals will be the same, building upon the success of the programs implemented over the last couple of years.

Every school in the Davis School District is required to have an Inclusion goal as part of its 2023–2024 improvement plan.

The **Inclusion goal** focuses on helping underrepresented students of targeted subgroups within the school. For NLJH these include African American students and Special Education students. There are currently 90 students at NLJH that will benefit from the inclusion goal.

### **Graduation goal**

Currently, Northridge's graduation rate is 89%. This number has been impacted in part by the pandemic, and all schools will continue to see the impact of the pandemic on students for the next several years.

Some ideas that NLJH are looking into to help 9th-grade students enter high school on track to graduate include offering study skills classes, credit recovery classes, and a form of study hall for students to get help on core classes they are currently enrolled in.

Some of the challenges in implementing these programs include funding, space, and personnel to teach/help. Some of these programs required District approval.

Councilmember Jorge Galvez will be reaching out to Weber State University to learn of any partnerships/internship opportunities that would bring college students into the school to help with tutoring/mentoring without the use of, or minimal use of funds.

More concrete planning and funding will come as the final School Improvement Plan is drafted over the next couple of months.

### **Items for next meeting**

Please email Debora for items to be placed on the agenda one week prior to the next meeting date, [deborabaird@gmail.com](mailto:deborabaird@gmail.com).

**Next meeting: Feb 10, 2023**