

School Community Council Meeting

Tuesday, November 19, 2024 4:00-5:00 pm

Media Center

Members Present

Attending: Mason Anderson, Kaitlyn Call, Jasilyn Heaps, Maggie Perez, Jill Larsen, Kaylene Murray, Trudy Wilson, and Kathy Christiansen

Welcome:

Review and Approval of September Minutes

- Kaylene Murray read the minutes from our meeting on September 24, 2024. A motion was made by Trudy Wilson to approve the minutes; Mason Andersen seconded; and the group voted to approve the minutes.
- Instead of holding a meeting in October, Committee members were instructed to participate in a USBE training session to better understand the purpose of this committee and their responsibilities of service.

Discussion About Title One:

- Birch Creek Elementary has lost Title One funding for the 2025-2026 school year.
- Our minimum requirement for families qualifying for Free and Reduced Lunch was 40%, and we reached 37%.
- Several action items from our September meeting were implemented, including sending multiple notices to parents, using lunch envelopes with a qualification chart printed on the back, and having Chris Monson, from Smithfield City, notify the community of the need to apply.
- We will use the funding we currently have to employ Para Professionals as Tier 2 Reading and Math aids to continue providing those instructional services to our students.
- Birch Creek will apply for Title One funds again next year.

Safe Schools Routes:

- The current *Safe Utah* Walking Routes map does not reflect the recent building, development, and street changes in our school boundaries, so Trudy Wilson revised this map.

- She added stop signs, street markers, and other information to update the walking routes our students' access.
- An updated map was distributed to the committee members.
- The committee discussed the procedures for "Parent Pick-up" after school.
 - The increase in our student population has resulted in more traffic as the parents pick-up their children.
 - One concern is that parents park across the street in the church parking lot and walk across the road to meet their children at the school.
 - There is no pedestrian crosswalk to designate a safe crossing area, and the heavy traffic on the road and in the church parking lot (from both private vehicles and buses) creates safety concerns.
 - The best immediate solution will be to post signs informing parents that they may park along the street on the South side of the school grounds, and then walk to the front of the school to meet their children.
 - This will eliminate crossing the busy street, and will allow time for different solutions to be explored.

Safe Technology Discussion:

- Trudy Wilson distributed a copy of the Cache County School District's Internet Filtering and Management Tools policy. Birch Creek staff follow the guidelines in this document as follows:
 - Mauri Bowles, our Media Center Specialist teaches "Net Safe" lessons which focus on age-appropriate Internet safety.
 - Teachers use "GoGuardian" to electronically monitor students' internet use and report any improper access or content searches to Trudy Wilson. Mrs. Wilson personally meets with students to discuss the situation and provide help as needed.

Other Agenda Items:

- Kathy Christiansen informed the group that the district calendar for the 2025-2026 school year will be approved soon.
 - It is proposed that Parent Teacher Conferences will be held at the beginning of October instead of this year's November dates.
 - Earlier conference dates are preferable to elementary teachers to provide the most current data and progress of the students to their parents/guardians.
- The school purchased new T-shirts for all students and staff, and the shirts are being sent home this week.
 - The shirts focus on "Safe, Kind, Responsible" and "The Bulldog Way" to unify our community through our school's leadership and positive behavior program.

Maggie Perez, our council Chairperson, concluded the meeting and made a motion to adjourn.

The committee will meet next on December 17, 2024.