

Park City High School Community Council (CC)

September 21, 2023

In attendance:

1. Roger Arbabi – Administrator
2. Samantha Ball – Parent
3. Bob Edmiston – Administrator
4. Stephen Fox – Parent
5. Zachariah Maynard – Parent (Chair)
6. Caren McClelland – Parent
7. Jenny Pelt - parent
8. Sara Sergent - Parent
9. Jamie Taylor – Parent
10. Jaelee Watanabe – Parent (Secretary)

Zachariah called the meeting to order at 2:35pm.

Introductions were made around the conference table.

The following Board membership was confirmed:

- Zachariah Maynard to continue as Chair
- Stephen Fox to become Vice-Chair
 - Motion by Sara
 - Second by Jamie
- Jaelee Watanabe to continue as Recording Secretary

Roger and **Bob** reported that there is no requirement for the CC to meet every month, and there is no minimum number of meetings required. Because we would like to move forward with our goal of moving Dream Big (DB) funding to the District, it was proposed that we load up our meetings at the beginning of the (school) year. We agreed that we should get our proposal to the District before their budget cycle begins in January.

Roger would like us to look at After School Tutoring; he will have a proposal/plan to present to the CC next month. He indicated that sometimes no students are using this resource and that the teachers participating want to be better stewards of the money allocated for this program. Tutoring is offered four times per week from 3:00-4:00pm in Math, Science, and English. Social Studies not offered this year due to staffing. AP tutoring is also offered, reaching beyond just students who are struggling. It was noted that many parents are not aware of this resource for their students. Part of the funding this year will be a \$9,000 carryover from Land Trust (LT) money. However, due to the 16% teacher pay increase for this year, we will need to get creative

to find the additional \$3,000 the staffing will now cost. Roger indicated that the teachers want to do this 1) to help students and 2) to earn additional income.

Zachariah asked what will happen to the Treasure Mountain Junior High LT funding when the school closes. **Roger** and **Bob** reported that it will follow the students.

We discussed the origins and history of LT Funding. As public lands generated income, the (federal) government wanted to ensure that it went towards education. Utah has the most public land in the US, with 80% of its territory being publicly held. The Utah State legislature is fighting to get (control of) this money.

We reviewed the CC Plan (and goals) for 2023/24, as well as 2023/24 LT and TSSA funding estimates as of September 14, 2023. We were given a hard-copy Recommended Timeline for School Community Councils from the Utah State Board of Education.

Roger reported that he is working on an Equity Policy to ensure that campus is equal (to all students). He reported that 36% of Hispanic students failed one or more classes, while only 6% of non-Hispanic students failed a class; he wants to understand what is driving this disparity. He has two Equality Goals:

1. Close the gap of failure rates. Not lowering standards, but raising up. Asking teachers to evaluate what resources we can direct at failing students. Acting with intentionality.
2. Evaluate how the school administration gives out consequences for rule violations and infractions.

We discussed ATTENDANCE which continues to be a challenge since COVID. It was noted that (unexcused) absences only impact a student's ability to be released early for a sport or activity bus.

Jamie asked why there is a compressed lunch on Fridays. It is due to funding requirements from the federal government.

Roger reported that we will get Targeted Support Instruction data from last year (22/23) in October.

It was noted that the 2023/24 CC will have approximately \$107,000 to spend if the District takes over funding of DB. But, the CC "defunding" DB doesn't necessarily have to be all or nothing. Roger reminded us that LT funds must benefit ALL students.

Our next meeting will be held on **Thursday, October 26th at 2:30pm.**

Meeting adjourned at 3:30pm.