Community Council Meeting

February 10, 2010

Lisa Thomas -- Minutes on line -- approved as written.

Sam Ray -- State will be auditing Community Council

They will be looking for:

A. General Ledger
   1. detailed compliance review
   2. internal control procedures
   3. detail reports match district's reports

B. Compare school plans

C. Review of carry-over balances

A short questionnaire from the auditors will be sent by e-mail to each member of the Community Council.

Collaboration -- The District has requested that Provo High and Timpview High have identical bell schedules to allow for greater cooperation between the two schools. One objective is to make it possible for students from both High Schools to take classes from either High School. Students will be asked to take all morning and/or afternoon classes on an A day or a B day at a given school. This will give them time to travel to the other school. The morning passing period of only 7 minutes is not enough time to travel to the other school. This schedule coordination will

also make it possible for the teachers to work with each other to decide what works best for teaching each subject.

A meeting will be held next Tuesday, February 16, at 2:45 p.m. at the PEC(?) building to discuss:

    A. Early dismissal time for collaboration

    B. Late start time for collaboration

    C. Teachers concerns about lost instructional time

    D. Length of classes for shortened days: 90 min., 75 min. etc.

    E. Best day for this (Monday- least happening after school)

    F. Mini-collaboration during the week?

Provo High School has found the early dismissal time to be the best for our school. Timpview is willing to work with us on this.

Two parents will be asked to attend this meeting. Lisa Shepherd and Kelly Wing. Others welcome.

Our Google Docs minutes to be changed to pdf files after changes have been made and before posting on school website. Lori will do this.

Spending of funds are to be kept to the most pressing Academic needs.

Today's meeting was to understand the funding proposals for the Trustlands funds. An estimation of what will be needed after other funds (such as State funds) are identified will be brought to the next meeting. A handout of each proposal was given out. Please refer to the Proposal handouts for more details.

A list of additional information needed for each proposal will be made at this meeting.

We need to concentrate on reading, writing and math but not forget the arts that are so important to some students.

Suggestions for the proposals are:

Rutters Readers -- more aids plus some compensation for his extra time.

A. Request a spreadsheet on the progress of the students after taking part in the program.

Arts teacher -- new kiln, art books etc.

A. Kilns, although needed, are very expensive

B. Check out art books at Provo library

English department

A. Rotate books between classes

B. Give students incentive to bring in books from home

C. Work with Provo library for books

D. Have a report of how many books are being used through the   check out computer system in the library

<u>Software</u> -- needs updated

A. Ask district to buy -- wait for the 2010 release this summer
This is incorrect information. Windows 7 is the latest <u>operating system</u>, smoothing out many of the problems of Microsoft Vista. The summer release is Microsoft Office, which is a <u>program</u>, not an operating system. The problem with not having Windows 7 is that most home computers are not compatible with our old Windows XP, and students cannot download nor get any files off their materials (thumb drives, emailed files, etc.) because there are NO computers here that use Windows 7!! To use some patch program to enable these files is also unrealistic -- the formatting and other issues do not allow complete compatibility and take too much time (just like using something to read the old Word Perfect files). (Jean McPherron)

B. Have a report of how much the computer lab is being used *(This was previously reported as being occupied virtually every class period with at least two classes in it. Actual number will be reported in the next meeting) JM*

CTE business labs/computers a*re constantly updated with CTE funds, but the old computers are not available for us to use in other programs (Jean McPherron).*

A. Check into leasing computers as opposed to buying them (*The price tag for new computers in the Media Lab is $61,000.*)

B. Ask District to fund (District funds down about 10%)

Murphy

A. How many people use existing room and books
B. Are they currently included in the library system (easier to find lost books)?

ESL

A. Volunteers from TOPS (not a long term solution).

Student Support Center

A. Working to get some of it paid through State funding

IB Program

A. Studied many schools with the program. It was decided that West High School had the best program. They have had the program for 20 years.

B. It is felt this is the future of Schools

C. Great to have something for the top 5%

D. Should include Social Skills (*which SENG supports)*

Gateway -- $30,000/$15,000 for two aids

A. Helps kids that are struggling to get back into the mainstream. Aides are essential to classroom control.