



Payson High School

School Community Council Minutes

January 12, 2015

Ben Ford P
Janean Thomas P
Carma Heimuli
Andrea Ellsworth

Joy Benson P
Debbie Apgood
Tara Makin P
Ryan McGuire (NV) P

Julie Gowans P
Sheila Williams P
Kim Lefler P

Welcome

Kim Lefler

Pledge - Sheila Williams

Minutes – Joy Benson Motion to Approve: Julie Gowans, Second: Sheila Williams,
Vote: Unanimous

Comprehensive Guidance

Joy Benson

The Comprehensive Guidance Review that the counseling staff and administration will be participating in on January 29th was outlined. Specific attention was given to Standard 7 – Program Leadership and Management. Council member were reminded of their vital role in serving on this committee and as the Advisory Committee. The work they do is not only appreciated, but vital to school leadership and management.

School Improvement Plan 2014-2015

Ben Ford

This year's goals were distributed and members were asked to look at them and be ready to modify or approve them in the February meeting.

#1 – Testing: Mention was made of the difference between CRT's and the new SAGE Testing. The state of Utah determines what testing we use.

#2 – Passing and attendance

#3 – Technology

#4 – ACT: College and Career Readiness

All the financing of these programs does not come out of Trustlands. Trustlands is just a portion.

The remainder of the meeting was a discussion about advisory groups. Sometimes it was

hard to know what to include and what was just insignificant comments. Please note some of these notes may seem disconnected.

Ryan asked for the approval of a survey that will be sent home to parents, given to faculty, and given to students. This is to see how the groups are working.

Comments: Students do not know why they are there. *The survey should help admin adjust the curriculum.)*

Teachers see good and bad advantages. *We were reminded that no instructional time is used.* The program is growing on some teachers.

There is not enough time to bond. Most of the discussions are character oriented which designates a target audience.

The program will run at least one more year.

The grade reports come out too often. The main objective, attendance does not seem to be affected.

The teacher survey needs some review of the questions and then be revised.

No attendance policy is working within the district.

6% of "F" grades are because of attendance.

PHS will change to a 4A school for at least the next two years. Enrollment may go up a little bit next year. No school is at building capacity. Open enrollment is the same in both Salem and Payson. The same rules and procedure exists.

Cheer is not governed by the athletic association, so students can change school and still be eligible.

The state does not keep their own rules!

The recent production by the drama department was fantastic!

Our school had great participation even during the holidays. Our students are awesome and very well behaved at all events. Salem Hills is having a problem with student behavior at activities.

Adjourn – Motion – Sheila, 2nd – Tara, Voting - Unanimous

Other Items

Kim Lefler

Next Meeting Date - Monday, February 9, 3:00 PM, in the Library