



Payson High School

School Community Council Minutes

January 12, 2016

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WELCOME

Justin Meyer

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes: Motion – Julie, 2nd – Carma, Voting – Unanimous

5X5 DISCUSSION

Sheila Lotz gave her point of view from working at Salem Hills as a counselor.

Cons: More stress and anxiety among the higher end students, because they try to put too many rigorous classes into their schedules. For the lower end student or the student with no motivation and goals, there are not enough elective classes available to fill their schedules. 26 credits to graduate from PHS on 4x4 – 32 to graduate from a 5x5 program.

Credit transfer is not always easy or possible.

Sophomores had math daily which didn't make a difference in test scores.

Teachers sometimes have a larger load, but not more prep time. All teachers need to supervise a study hall. These students are graded.

Pros: Students like to have study hall.

More electives for the high achievers. Especially for students interested in the arts.

Shorter class periods.

Question: How will it be decide if we do or don't go with the 5x5? Mr. Ford – “You/we will make the decision.”

Jr Highs are favorable (They are in the discussion phase, looking at the year 2017/18, but we do not have to follow them. We decide how we want it to look or not to look.

The program needs to be considered by what is best for kids and works for staff and the school. This varies even within each family.

Can we have extra sports specific classes? These type of decisions are governed by the state.

We will continue this discussion in our following meetings. Jolyn Ford will be at the February meeting with her views of the 5x5 program in Spanish Fork.

What is the option for a “0” period class? The early morning option is a possibility, but what is taught in the morning is taken away during the day. This may be good for the student, but not always for the teacher. Students are “zombies” in the morning, they do not function very well. The classes would need to be academic to get the

students to attend.

COMPREHENSIVE GUIDANCE

Joy Benson

A packet was distributed to members with the materials being used in the Junior CCR's which are currently being held and through February. A "Free Family Checkup" flyer was given to the council as a resource for struggles in families and relationships.

TRUSTLANDS REVIEW 2015-16

Ben Ford

The 5 goals for this year's School Improvement Plan were discussed (see handout). If there are some things that need to be changed or clarified, see Mr. Ford before the February meeting. There was a question as to whether the SAGED Test should be used as criteria for meeting our goals, or if another test would be more applicable. As long as the goal can be measured there are various possibilities. We can discuss those in the coming months.

OTHER ITEMS

Chromebooks have been durable. They are issued with a bar code on the same system as a library book. As the school move to one to one computers, there is a possibility that the chrome book could become the students.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 10, 2016, 3:00 PM, Conference Room

This is a time change, so please mark your calendars.

Motion to Adjourn – Sarah, 2nd – Julie, Voting - Unanimous