Payson High School
School Community Council Minutes
March 19, 2014

P Ben Ford
P Janean Thomas
P Carma Heimuli
P Andrea Ellsworth
Visitors: Curtis and Holly Wright

Welcome/Pledge – Janean Thomas

January Minutes Approved: Motion-Sheila, 2nd-Janean, Voting-Unanimous
February Minutes Approved: Motion-Sheila, 2nd-Janean, Voting-Unanimous

Comprehensive Guidance - Joy Benson

Sophomore Registration will be next week and then we will be able to begin the Master Schedule. ACT Testing went very well – only 2 students were not tested from PHS. The Closing Calendar for Senior Students was distributed (see handout).

School Improvement Plan 2014-2015 - Ben Ford

2nd Review – School Improvement Plan – Ryan McGuire

The updated School Improvement Plan was discussed (see packet). Several changes have been made since the February meeting. Most of these involved College and Career Readiness. This document will be voted on for approval in April. Member were asked to let Mr. Ford know if there was other potential goals that needed to be added.

Discussion: ACT scores will adjust down this year because of the amount of students being tested. Payson High School’s average score was higher than the state and national average for the 2012-2013 year. National – 20.9, State – 20.7, Payson – 21.3

Is it possible to buy to get a deal so parents could purchase Chrome Books, etc. at a discount price? Then the school would not be needing to buy so many. The administration is always looking for money to buy technology. There has been some discussion to use textbook money now that textbooks are quickly becoming a thing of the past.

2nd Review – Trustlands - Ben Ford

Review of the updated budget (see packet). This budget is not set in stone, but the categories are necessary so the money can be moved around and adjusted as the council feels is necessary. LIA is no longer a category as it is being funded as a bus route through
the state. Voting for approval will take place during the April meeting.

2nd Review - Trustlands

Other Items – Janean Thomas

A motion was made to change the date of the next meeting so the voting and signatures could be obtained before the district/state due date. Motion was to change the April meeting to Tuesday, April 1st. Motion - Sheila, 2nd – Kim, Voting – Unanimous

A question was asked about the size of our feeder schools and Salem Hills. The following information should address this question.


138 Students

Payson Jr. High: Enrollment – 1,019  9th Grade Class – 328  Feeds Payson – 100%

Salem Hills: Enrollment – 1243  Payson High School – 1165

Open Enrollment (moving in and out) for both schools is approximately the same for each school.

Springville High School is the biggest contributor to Landmark High School in our district.

Concern for the orchestra program was voiced. This is an ongoing discussion that administration is having with many different individuals. There are funding issues along with personnel issues that have to be dealt with. All that can be done is being done to improve the program. Money for all school classes comes from FTE funding. There is not specific money just for the arts. It is still in discussion at all levels.

Question: What kind of follow-up has happened since the student fell through the roof in the fall? All access to the roof has been disabled unless a key is used. No doors can be unlocked and remain unlocked or remain open. There needs to be a key to open a door whether going in or out, and they all shut automatically. The dust collector attached to the cabinetry shop could be used to get on the roof, but not a likely option. All catwalks have also been repaired.

A little more “boo-hooing” about district funding of the new schools.

Meeting adjourned at 4:00  Motion – Sheila, 2nd – Carma, Voting - Unanimous

Next Meeting Date - Tuesday, April 1 - 3:00 P.M. in the Library