



Payson High School
School Community Council Agenda Minutes
October 3, 2017

RaShel Shepherd
Tona Graff
Carma Heimuli (PTA)
Jesse Sorenson (NV)

Sheila Lotz
Jason Slack
Tara Makin
Shelly Thompson

Scott Nielson
Rachael Woolsey
Marnae Kelly

WELCOME

Pledge of Allegiance

Tona Graff

In attendance: RaShel Shepherd, Tona Graff, Jesse Sorenson, Sheila Lotz, Jason Slack, Tara Makin, Rachael Woolsey, Marnae Kelly, and School Board Member Lisa Rowley.

September 19th minutes were read.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

RaShel Shepherd

Dr. Shepherd spoke of the school grade and the main reason why Payson High School Scored poorly. The key factor to the failing grade was due to the fact that we only tested 95% of our student body in the SAGE test which resulted in a loss of a full letter grade. We discussed as a council solutions to motivating students to not only take the test but to do their best. Recognizing that these poor results are due mainly to developing a better PR program within the school concerning testing, it was suggested that a student leadership team be formed to help promote positive behaviors with regards to testing (ACT/SAGE). Other ideas suggested consisted of: red carpet treatment, snacks on testing dates, and teachers testing earlier so that students who haven't been tested can be identified and tested before the deadline.

While PHS ACT testing still needs improvement we did have a 2% increase in the number of students who scored an 18 or better. Additionally, data was shared from mathematics and English that showed that while students did not necessarily achieve a

3 or 4 on their sage testing, a significantly large number of students improved their scores from the previous year.

COMPREHENSIVE GUIDANCE

Sheila Lotz

Mrs. Lotz shared information concerning Utah College Application Week (September 6th - 10th). Concern was brought up about using the terminology "College" when we mean College and Career. The council discussed the importance of redefining the word "College" to mean any University, College, Military or Trade School. Counselors are focusing on training student body/staff on what the word "College" represents. Posters say "College and Financial Aid Night - Redefining College.

Advertisements include: Newspaper, Facebook, Posters, Email, Texts (including Spanish), and information to Spanish branches in Payson and Santaquin as well as the Catholic Church.

Also invited: both Jr. High's students/parents, ALC and ALA.

What will be available: all USHE (Utah System of Higher Education) will be in attendance, FASFA completion, Information about scholarships such as Regents (including any new changes) and Daniel's Funds, Food Trucks (offering a \$1 off for a punch card with 10 punches), Wells Fargo and Utah Educational Savings Plan, Gear Up, Expert from UHEAA (step up).

TRUSTLANDS

2017-2018

Tona Graff

Material was handed out, but goals were not discussed due to time.

OTHER ITEMS

Community Council Training Meeting - Thur., October 12 - 3:30 P.M.

- District Office Board Rm

Superintendent School Community Council - Thur., October 5 - 4:00 P.M.

- Maple Mountain High School
- *Rachael Woolsey said she could possibly attend*

Next Meeting Date - Tuesday, November 7th - 3:35 P.M. in the Conf. Rm