Provo eSchool Community Council Meeting
January 19, 2017 Minutes

1. Present: Debra, Royce, Maren, Megan, Brad, Whitney
    Absent: Martell, Kyle
2. Approval of November Minutes
    a. Approved unanimously
3. Discussion of Absent Member (Kyle): Vote on dismissing member and vote on adding New Member to Council.
    a. Martell has asked to be replaced. Kyle has not responded all year and will be replaced.
    b. Since Martell was a parent of a Harmony student, current parent members think it will be nice to have a parent from Harmony.
    c. Maren will draft email to send to Harmony parents asking for interest to join council.
    d. Debra will contact Kendra Smith, a parent who previously expressed interest in participating in the council.
4. Action points on SIP 2016-2017 updates:
    a. Goal 1: Special Education Increase by 5% DIBELS and SAGE.
        i. Brad will ask SpEd team for BOY and MOY DIBELS scores for next community council meeting.
        ii. Debra wants more frequent record of her students' IEP goal progress. She'll ask her SpEd teacher and Brad will follow up.
    b. Goal 2: Educational Field Trips Increase by 10%. Update on Survey Questions to be sent out and Geographical Regions chosen.
        i. Survey has not yet been sent out. We'll send it out next week.
        ii. Include questions about parent awareness of study programs (iReady, MobyMax, etc).
        iii. Are you aware of the online programs? Are you using them? How often are your students using them? If parents don't know about it, contact representative at your school (give contact info).
    c. Goal 3: Professional Development 90% of teachers will participate. When is this conference?

        i.   Visible Learning Conference Mar 21-24. All but one eSchool teacher is enrolled. Can MTH and Harmony teachers come, too? We think so. Brad will reach out to those teachers.

   ii. Separate eSchool meeting one evening is still in the works. District director of Professional Development is working on it.

   iii. What are the skills that eSchool teachers need to focus on in general and in the way of PD? Whitney explained that she gives support to parents regarding different ways to teach their child. She holds individual tutor times; tracks student progress and reaches out when a student is struggling, etc. Develops strategies and lessons, not curriculum.

 d. Goal 4: Graduation Rates Increase by 5%. What is the 2016 baseline? How is this working, feedback from part-time teachers?

 i. Last year's rates were really low.

 ii. Classes in computer labs with teachers are still enrolling students in lots of credit recovery classes. Megan had a meeting with those teachers and mentors last week to train on tracking and helping students set goals to get more classes done.

 iii. Debra had a conversation with Matt at MTH about using Shmoop for students to practice and prepare for the ACT. There's more focus on the ACT as a state now. We could hold a ACT prep class online using Shmoop.

 iv. Matt's question was if an associate's degree could count for graduation? It's not up to the district; it would have to be a state-level decision. However, it could be a great additional data point to track (as well as ACT scores).

5. Updates on Items discussed from November Council Meeting:
 1. Megan still needs to look into whether or not gifted students can receive an additional class if they finish by Feb 1st of the school year.
 2. Next SIP
  a. Plans due April 14, 2017
 3. Update on Diagnostic Programs from MTH and Harmony.
  a. MTH: 61 students signed up for iReady, only 11 are actively using it. It's not listed on their main website due to differing login procedures (school vs individual student login). 67 on IXL, 25 use it. Lexia 35 using out of 67 enrolled. MobyMax has 95 enrolled, but 9 using it.
  b. Haven't heard back from Harmony yet.
  c. Trustlands funds question: Can we buy a 5-year subscription to iReady right now? Something the community can count on. Takes a while to implement a program. Don't want to have it go away.

4. Update about Teaming up with Universities, Science Companies or Military Bases for increasing our Science Scores on Sage.
    a. Can we send our students to a university/company STEM program? After reviewing state rule, we believe we can.
    b. For example, CHIP camp at BYU. Maren will look into this further.
6. Does Provo School District have robotics teams? We don't know. Royce will ask Jared. Typically intro cost is prohibitive, but we have the money.
    a. Add questions to survey about robotics class? CHIP class?
    b. We'd probably need to hire a STEM teacher/aide (like a grad student) who is responsible for organizing robotics teams, camps, etc.
7. Next meeting: March 16, 2017