eSchool Community Council Minutes
March 16, 2017

1. Welcome and Attendance
    a. Present: Debra, Rhonda, Brad, Megan, Maren, Royce, Whitney
    b. Absent: Kendra
    c. New members—Rhonda and Kendra
2. January Minutes
    a. Approved unanimously.
3. Guest, Karen Brock, director of Professional Development (PD) for Provo School District
    a. District is trying to create a menu approach for teachers to choose PD.
    b. Microcredentials: work on something, pass it off and then get a badge/certificate that says you are proficient in that skill
    c. Brad came to Karen saying, "What can we offer teachers/learning coaches to help them?"
    d. Kyte Learning—specific technology badges. Likely a good way to get started in offering more PD. If we are interested, we could implement that immediately.
    e. A learning coach for eSchool would be one way to support eSchool. Whitney: the learning coach could be an intermediate person between teacher/parent/mentor and the PD courses/vocabulary. Brad: the learning coach can help parents/mentors know how to help struggling students with relevant interventions.
    f. The district is also working on curriculum notebooks—scope and sequence of each course as a guide.
    g. Something like Kyte is ideal for eSchool because it can be done at home whenever each person has time, and we don't have to figure out how to meet up somewhere in the state.
4. Funds for Online Programs
    a. Due to the expiring online intervention programs, we renewed IXL and Lexia programs for 3 years to spend our money and to get a better deal for programs we like and know we're going to keep.
    b. This amendment to the school improvement plan was approved through emails. Just bringing it up in the meeting so it shows in the Minutes of the meeting.
5. Whitney
    a. Document camera—special education teachers are requesting them if there's funds and fits our goals.
    b. Document cameras allow teachers to work with manipulatives when they are teaching students via online video conference software.
    c. Currently there are about 20 teachers across eSchool, Harmony, and MTH. We are unsure how many regularly meet with students via video conferencing, so we'll need to find that out. We'll add it to our School Improvement Plan for 2017-2018.
6. School Improvement Plan Updates
    a. Goal 1: Make 2017-2018 goal based on assessments from mandatory pre/post testing that we're adding next year instead of DIBELS and SAGE that most students opt out of.

b. Goal 2: Parent Field Trip on surveys. 172 responses; 91% are interested in more field trips; 30% of parents are willing to help plan them. Most are in SLC area, then Davis and Weber counties.

c. PD Goal: Can we get Kyte going right away using current PD money since it fits our goal. The addition of a learning coach would be for next year.
   i. Maren: How does this help parents? The information in Kyte can be found for free by just looking on the Internet. If a parent wanted that information, he/she could have found/chosen it.
   ii. Brad: Some parents don't understand the scope of a grade level. A learning coach could help that. Sometimes we just have to let parents know of resources, and then they can choose whether or not to use it.
   iii. Whitney: not all curriculum lays standards/sequence out as well for K12.
      1. How to transition from mom to teacher, etc.
   iv. Maybe we can get demo accounts for community council members? Brad will ask Karen for those.

d. Maren: Nationally STEM is a weak area in homeschooling. There are a lot of free opportunities if we can have a classroom to bring speakers, events to.
   i. We can use some district buildings to host speakers/programs.
   ii. There are camps at universities across Utah for technology and robotics.
      1. Several hundred dollars per child for day or multiple day camps.
      2. We'd have to hire someone to schedule. Trustlands can only be used if a staff member is instructing 75% of the time. So, we'd need to make sure whoever we hire would fulfill that.

7. Other ideas
   a. Virtual Library. Nebo School District uses it; it's already set up. We could offer a library and then parents can use it if they want or not.

8. Next meeting Thursday, March 30, 2017 at 4 pm.