Provo eSchool Community Council Meeting
May 11, 2017

1. Attendance
    a. Present: Debra, Rhonda, Brad, Megan, Royce, Whitney
    b. Absent: Maren, Kendra
2. Minutes
    a. April 13th meeting minutes
        i. Approved unanimously by those present.
3. Announcements
    a. Our school improvement plan was approved by the school district and is now at the state level for review.
4. Electronic signature on school plan
    a. We need a vice chair so we can send out the electronic signatures page from the Trustlands.
    b. Rhonda Wall volunteered to be vice chair. All were in favor. She is the new vice chair.
5. How are we doing on our 2016-2017 goals?
    a. Goal 1: DIBELS and SAGE goals are looking good.
    b. Goal 2: We struggled with this one. We got a survey out, but didn't get any field trips going.
    c. Goal 3: We achieved our participation in our PD goal. All but one teacher attended the PD in March.
    d. Goal 4: Graduation rates. We held the study skills classes, had the two part-time teachers. Rates should be better, but we're not sure by how much. We'll find out this summer.
6. Looking ahead to our 2017-2018 Goals
    a. How can we get a jumpstart on these goals?
    b. Assessments: eSchool included in their contracts with My Tech High and Harmony wording about required pre- and post-tests.
        i. They can use Lexia, iReady, MobyMax or a pre-approved alternate assessment.
    c. Increase percentage of students who are on track in their progress
        i. This summer Megan and her office staff can order document cameras for teachers.
        ii. There will likely be better communication from MTH and Harmony teachers to students who need intervention based on meetings eSchool admin had with Harmony and will have with MTH.
        iii. Council members can look into gamification programs over the summer.
        iv. Ask Sheila, the eSchool counselor, to look into Edgenuity and Shmoop ACT prep classes.
    d. Increase technical skills
        i. Council members can look into camps and workshops about technology/robotics, etc.
        ii. Royce will set up Google doc for ideas about goals and references to products, workshops, etc., so all our ideas are in one place.

     e.   Improving Language Arts
          i.   Use eSchool community to find people to help with writing workshops
     f.   Participation in STEM
          i.   The person eSchool plans to hire will help organize this including a virtual STEM fair.
              1.   Students can use photos or videos to share their exhibits.
         ii.   Activities will be for the 2017-2018 school year and the summer of 2018.

7. Hiring a teacher/staff member to organize/communicate the workshops we want to plan
     a.   Hiring someone in Provo School District requires a job description.
     b.   Maybe we could start with the job description of instructional coaches.
          i.   Megan and Brad will look into this in late June.

8. Question to Whitney (teacher) on how she helps parents get started when first enrolling in eSchool.
     a.   She sends an email with information based on calendar, logging in, resources available, etc. That works for a lot of people, but some need extra help from her—it's a case-by-case thing. Usually the struggles are scheduling for multiple students in online school and staying organized.

9. Returning and New Council Members, 2017-2018
     a.   We need a new teacher; Whitney has been on for two years already.
     b.   Parents are all first-timers this year. Royce, Rhonda, and Debra are all planning to stay. Debra will reach out to Maren and Kendra to find out.

10. Our Schools Now Initiative
     a.   Debra got information on a new initiative to get more money in schools. They were requesting a coordinator for each school to distribute information. Since eSchool is not tied to a geographic region, other schools will cover all of Utah, so we will not get a coordinator.

11. Next meeting: September 14th at 4:00 pm