

eSchool Community Council Meeting
Thursday Nov 5, 2015

1. Introductions of council members
 - a. Present: Brad, Megan, Whitney, Brooklynn, Kyle, Traci
 - b. Absent: Martell, Christel
 - c. 6/8 present
2. Elections
 - a. nominate someone. another person to second that motion
 - b. we reviewed the responsibilities of chair and vice chair
 - c. Kyle volunteered to help. all agreed he can be chair. Whitney was nominated to be vice chair. All in favor.
3. Term lengths--at end of year if someone wants to or needs to leave the council, they can. If not, we'll determine term lengths of 1 or 2 years at that time.
4. School improvement plan
 - a. We'll send out district improvement plan (on website)
 - b. Parent thoughts
 - a. Kyle--goals for student: general education+exposure to interests. First year at MTH
 - b. Brooklynn--Harmony complaint that worksheets are extra to work they do in curriculum. New to Utah. Wouldn't mind testing.
 - c. Traci--no complaints. New to MTH, too. She's trying to figure out where her students are. Would testing work? not sure
 - d. Could we make a forum or blog for parents to offer input?
5. Trustlands
 - a. brief overview of what it is
 - b. Whitney suggested iReady as a use for the money
 - c. a testing software to help us understand where students are and what their needs are
 - d. Discussion on needs
 - e. do all 3 groups have the same issues? Why do we need money?
 - i. yes, all 3 groups have assessment needs
6. More discussion
 - a. Brooklynn brought up the point that not all homeschool parents are really focused on getting their students to succeed, especially when they're struggling. We need to find out ASAP when a student is struggling.
 - b. Traci--wants to have a way to feel more involved and in communication with school and other parents/students. Weekly meetings?
 - c. Brad--in eSchool staff meeting tomorrow, we'll discuss needs that we can share with community council. Then we'll share with committee
 - d. Use eSchool fb page as forum for parents to offer suggestions. Also look for other ways for those without fb. Use google polls, for ex.
7. relationship between MTH, H, and eSchool. Money comes through eSchool (public school) to programs (MTH, Harmony).
8. Megan will send minutes via email to council members today.

Next Meeting, Thursday, November 19, 2015 at 4 pm.