

Community Council Meeting
Thursday, September 29, 2016

Agenda

1. Welcome
 - a. Attendance
 - i. Present: Brad, Whitney, Megan, Royce, Maren, Debra, Martell
 - ii. Absent: Kyle
2. Community Council purpose overview by Brad
 - a. Trustlands funding—use for academic needs, not buildings or office staff
 - i. Staff must be instructing
 - ii. Allocation based on student number. This year it's around \$200,000.
 - b. Look at school's academic needs
 - c. Training on website and through state
 - i. Megan will send out information about state-led trainings and online trainings
3. Elect chair/vice chair
 - a. Chair must be a parent; Vice-chair may be anyone
 - b. Martell nominates Debra for chair. No one else nominated.
 - i. Vote: unanimous in the affirmative for Debra.
 - c. Whitney and Martell nominated for Vice Chair.
 - i. Martell-4, Whitney-3
 - d. Members posted online
 - e.
4. School Improvement Plan
 - a. Due to state October 20th
 - b. Last year's plan—3/4 goals were approved. 1 was denied because it was not an instructional staff position.
 - c. One thought Megan and Brad had was to use Trustland funds money to pay for ½ time teachers at high schools for credit recovery.
 - i. Martell—adding an additional staff member to free funds for teachers makes a difference. Other councils he was on used funds for tech support member and reading aide
 - ii. Trustlands says staff members must be instructing students 75% of the time. One-to-one tutor/teaching is okay.
 - d. Was the original goal that got denied addressing a specific problem that will no longer be addressed if we switch it?
 - i. Not necessarily. It was more of an expansion goal for students to have greater access to materials/equipment.
 - ii. We can address this idea again for the 2017-2018 school year.
 - iii. Will we run out of funds next year to support these teachers?
 1. No. There's typically more Trustlands money than goals.
 - iv. Do we think this meets the needs/purposes of Trustland funds and rules?

1. One of Provo School District and eSchool goals is to increase graduation rates, so we think it fits.

v. Vote

1. In Favor—6 Opposed—0 Abstain—1 Absent—1

vi. We'll write it up and send it out.

5. Meeting schedule

- a. Two meetings before plan is due
- b. Next Thursday, October 6th, at 4 pm and Tuesday, October 11th at 4 pm.
- c. Next time we'll start recording the meeting

6. Minutes will be sent out tomorrow for review and then will be uploaded to website

7. As we plan the school improvement plan for next year, we want to make sure we identified the needs of the students and the school before we determine how to spend the money we're allotted.

- a. What needs to teachers see? Need for assessment to find students who need help.
 - i. Review of last year's goal to assess students. We purchased 4 programs that would help diagnose student needs.
 - ii. Low number of students participated last year. We're encouraging students and parents to use them again this year. Earlier this week MTH and Harmony admin agreed to send out a reminder to use the programs and that a survey will come in January to respond to.
- b. Next time we'll bring ideas about needs of school or ways to identify needs.
 - i. eSchool admin will provide DIBELS scores, graduation rates, etc.
 - ii. Why are students coming to eSchool in general? What are their needs?
 1. Students are struggling with academics or socially.
 2. Students are doing just fine and prefer the online/distance education type settings
 - iii. Find a school similar to us and look at their improvement plan/goals to see what's been done to garner ideas.
 - iv. Make sure that students who are going along just fine are also taken care of
 - v. Remember that whenever we use Trustland funds for salaries, those people's jobs are at stake each year that we determine Trustlands funds distribution.
 - vi. Send current school improvement plan to each member.
- c. School dynamics
 - i. Megan will send out numbers/dynamics for MTH, H, eSchool, classroom students involved in eSchool.