

Provo eSchool Community Council Meeting

February 15, 2022; 5:30 p.m./via Zoom ID 817 7355 7039 Password y8Yebx

Attendees: **All in attendance**

Excused: **N/A**

AGENDA/Meeting Minutes

A. Welcome:

1. Bring meeting to order: Jill (chair)
2. Reminder of the rules/procedures of meeting: Jill (chair)

B. Review of 2021-2022 plan- the plan was shared on-screen- it was read through by the principal

1. Read through plan together- questions?

- Discuss key points of the plan: The council discussed the impact of Covid on the fluctuating numbers of students enrolled in eSchool. With the Covid numbers dropping, what will be a strategy for maintaining the current numbers, or even raising them in the future. Other variables were discussed on what affects the student enrollment. One council member suggested possibly advertising, in a sense, by bringing eSchool concerns to a board meeting, city council meeting, or other means to promote eSchool.

One issue raised from reading through the plan and analyzing the goals was that the students seem to struggle with the writing process the most out of all subjects. The root cause is not known, but parental perception of good writing and varied views of what that looks like may be a cause. One council member suggested the possibility of using Writer's Workshop or other writing curriculum to help address the issue with students' writing abilities.

Another issue discussed is the number of students who enroll in eSchool and then do little to no work once enrolled. The reasons discussed included lack of parental support and guidance with their online students, families just wanting to go off radar, student resistance, and the state law that suspended the mandatory school attendance expectation. The council discussed writing a new eSchool policy addressing parental involvement, and expectations for students remaining enrolled in eSchool. The council also discussed the P-scores issue with suspending accounts for students not participating in their school work for three consecutive weeks, as well as dropping high school students' courses if they have not logged into them by mid-term.

- What is the progress towards the goals, action steps?
- Revise the goals/plan for this year (22/23), if applicable- Clint will begin drafting ideas for the 22/23 plan
- Ideas for the revisions/work towards new plan for 2022/2023 plan- Council members were assigned to start thinking of new goals and action steps for the new 22/23 plan. Each council member was asked to think of what they would like the goals to look like, based on past plans and the discussion that was held concerning the 21/22 plan.

C. Digital Citizenship Discussion:

1. Resources for Digital Citizenship to share with parents/students- read through and discuss each- the discussion was had to remove Common Sense Media from consideration, and it was discussed that Brainpop has already been purchased for the ELL resource for our students who are considered ELL. It also has the Digital Citizenship component to it- aimed more towards younger students. In conjunction to this, it is considered that adding Respons-ability for a resource addressing Digital Citizenship for the older students be adopted. The council will do one more look-over and a decision will be made at the March meeting. Respons-ability is a free resource to all Utah public schools.

- Common Sense Media- Shari motioned to remove Common Sense Media from consideration for the Digital Citizenship resource for eSchool. Cami 2nd to remove- Unanimous in favor of removing this resource from consideration.

<https://www.commonsense.org/education/digital-citizenship#digcit-program>

- Brainpop-

<https://www.brainpop.com/technology/digitalcitizenship/>

- Respons-ability

<https://respons-ability.net/school-curriculum/>

D. Appropriate Expenditures for eSchool Community Council: The expenditures will be looked at by the school principal and reported on in the March meeting.

E. Action Items/Calendar Items Upcoming:

1. Next meeting: **March 22 at 5:30**

2. Assignments: **Review ideas for new goals, writing goal, possible goals for math/reading, digital citizenship final decision- make the resources available to all parents and teachers**

3. Adjournment: **Clint motioned to end the meeting, Jill seconded the motion-unanimous vote to end the meeting.**