

Dixie High Community Council

Meeting Minutes

October 11, 2011

Members Present: Jim Bown, Clark Whetten, Shauna Challis, Char Black, Glenn Whicker, Janece Gardner, Tony Schroath, Cody Dupass

Items Discussed:

Council members discussed the leadership options which are available to Community Councils this year. Members discussed the pros and cons of the co-chair option or the chair/vice-chair option. After deliberation, it was decided by consensus that Dixie High would adopt the co-chair option. Following this decision, Shauna Challis nominated Jim Bown to serve as co-chair, and Glenn Whicker nominated Char Black. Council members voted unanimously to elect these two as co-chairs for school year 2011-2012.

Sharla Campbell presented the Council with a summary of the CSIP goals which have been developed by every academic department at Dixie High. Jim Bown asked about the school's progress in bringing up math scores, and it was reported that there is some good news in that regard, with Geometry scores increasing 15% last year. However, there is still great need to increase the number of students who are proficient on Math CRT's, and we continue to work with this department to accomplish this goal.

Char Black asked about the new Rebound format. Our initial data shows a 93% attendance rate at Rebound, so the new format of holding Rebound during an extended lunch rather than at the end of day has had an immediate positive effect on getting kids into the classrooms to receive assistance. Cody Dupass reported that teachers appreciate the longer period of time (40 minutes) as opposed to the 20 minutes they had earlier. This gives teachers time to provide instruction, or give tests, etc., which could not be done with only 20 minutes. Council members provided positive feedback about the new format.

Janece Gardner expressed some concern about the lengthy absence of Sara Mendenhall from her classes. Although we recognize this is not ideal for students, Sara is on maternity leave, which is something that occurs in the lives of teachers at times, so we must do our best to work with it. We have arranged for a certified math teacher to cover every other day of Sara's classes, and Sara is communicating with parents and students through email to keep classes on track. It is expected that Sara will return at the beginning of second quarter.

The next meeting will be held on November 8 at 4 p.m.