

# Dixie High School Community Council

January 12, 2016

## Minutes

**Members Present:** Dr. James Bown, Jennifer Hall, Jason Brooks, Sharla Campbell, Jon Butler, Sherry Feller, Greg Butterfield, Ginny Nobis, John Williams, Ethan Poulton (student)

### Items Discussed:

Jon Butler reported on the current activities of the Counseling Department regarding college readiness for students. Dixie State, UVU, SUU and all working with Dixie High to provide waivers for application fees. UVU will hold a student open house at the Dixie Center tonight. Counselors are sending out a text blast to all seniors advising them of this opportunity to apply without cost. Ethan Poulton reported that many Dixie High students were planning to attend this event. We also are receiving positive feedback regarding our counseling website which disseminates college admission and scholarship information to students.

Dr. Bown asked about the progress of the ACT Prep initiative at Dixie High. Jon Butler reported that most students are still enrolled and working on the program. The few that have dropped the class are usually working independently. Those students in teacher-directed classrooms are generally remaining more engaged in the ACT Prep and seem to be progressing well. Ethan Poulton also expressed appreciation to Mr. Parker who uses ACT questions as bell work for the students in his class each day. From Ethan's perspective, this was also very helpful to students.

Mrs. Campbell reviewed with Council members the content of a Netsmartz assembly held at school. Issues presented to students at the assembly included internet safety, including the hazards of giving personal information, internet predators, and sending personal photos. The presentation included some case studies of young people who had made these mistakes and suffered serious consequences. Also emphasized were the dangers and consequences of texting and driving and how to avoid sexting and bullying online. Students were also given information about a hotline which allows them to report these incidents to a task force here in Utah. Mrs. Campbell will also email the following information to parents:

The first and preferred method is to contact local police officers. Specific local police officers throughout the state are trained by an ICAC task force to deal with these issues. They are given direct assistance from the ICAC Task Force as needed and in some cases the ICAC team will take over the investigation/case if needed. The ICAC team members will work with ICAC teams in other states as needed. Second, students can report information anonymously at the National

Center for Missing and Exploited Children's web page at: [cybertipline.com](http://cybertipline.com) or via phone at: 1-800-THE-LOST.

One of the ideas suggested was to encourage a supportive culture at school to prevent bullying. Ginny Nobis suggested that it might be a great activity for our students to start a campaign of positive post-it notes complimenting students. Ethan Poulton suggested that the Exec Council could easily organize this activity. Dr. Bown asked if Dixie High experienced a significant problem with bullying. Mr. Brooks mentioned that there are a few cases of conflict among students each year, but the school was not aware of any significant problems. Ethan also felt that there was very little bullying occurring among the students he knows, either at school or through social media. Ethan's perception was that students at Dixie do a good job of stopping negative comments when they appear on social media sites.

The next meeting of the Community Council will be held on February 9, 2016, at 4:00 p.m.