

# **Dixie High Community Council**

## **Minutes**

**January 14, 2014**

Members Present: Steve Quinn, Cary MacArthur, Kathryn Anderson, Jennifer Hall, Shauna Challis, Paul Ogilvie, Jason Brooks, Kay Berry, Sharla Campbell, Kevin Simmons.

### Items Discussed:

The Council was informed about the process for gathering student class selections for next year. Seniors and Juniors have chosen classes, and next year's 10<sup>th</sup> graders are in the process currently. Utah Online options were also discussed, as it is expected that a growing number of students will opt to take online classes in coming years. State legislation now allows students to take up to four classes from an online source, and Dixie High will have room to accommodate no fewer than 60 students in online courses next year through the Utah Online program.

The ACT test will be given to all 11<sup>th</sup> graders at Dixie High on March 4. This is the first time the legislature has provided this test to all students. On Jan 23 and 24, students in U.S. History classes will receive instructions on how to use an online ACT prep tool, and registration for the test will occur during our Ambassador Workshops on February 12.

Regarding the progress of our Professional Learning Community, teachers at Dixie High are working in collaborative teams to determine the guaranteed curriculum for the courses taught in each department. Teacher teams are defining the objectives of the course with "I Can" statements which represent the knowledge and skills students should obtain in the course.

Dixie High continues to work on improving our graduation rate. Our first emphasis is in the classroom with renewed effort to help higher numbers of kids succeed. The second school initiative is the systemic programs such as Rebound where the school responds when kids don't learn, and the third option is to assist kids who need alternative methods to complete a diploma, such as Millcreek High or Southwest High. Dixie High is also benefiting this year from a grant through Community Ed and Dixie State University which has funded the Youth Action Alliance. DSU students tutor our students at 7 a.m. every morning, and hold service-based and fun activities after school Monday through Thursday. The program is designed to give academic and personal support by engaging students in school who may be at risk for not graduating. Students who attend are given restitution credit.

The next meeting of the Community Council will be held on February 11, 2014 at 4 p.m.