

## **Dixie High Community Council**

### **Meeting Minutes**

**March 15, 2016**

Members Present: John Williams, James Bown, Jennifer Hall, Jon Butler, Greg Butterfield, Jason Brooks, Sharla Campbell

#### Items Discussed:

Sharla Campbell presented to the Council the budget and plan proposed for school year 2016-17. The academic needs of math, language arts, and science remain one of the priorities for student learning, since students can leverage their skill in these areas to achieve success in all content areas. We propose that trust land funds be used to purchase 5 periods of math lab so that students might receive additional instruction, review, and individual help targeted to their specific math level. Also, trust land funds will be used to continue our Rebound intervention program, math tutoring, and to pay for an intervention aide to assist with improving the quality of communication between parents and the school for students who are struggling academically. Another school improvement goal for Dixie High over the past several years is to continue to improve our graduation rate. Five years ago, 77 percent of students graduated; in 2015, 94% of students graduated. This is a successful trend that we need to work to maintain. It is proposed that trust land funds purchase online credit recovery classes for students. Also, in order to assist our college-bound students, we are proposing that trust land funds be used to fund an extra ACT prep class for 11<sup>th</sup> graders. Finally, we would like to propose that trust land funds be used to purchase textbooks. Teachers in our math department have identified a math textbook that closely matches our core standards, and have requested that the school purchase this resource for students. Our AP U.S. History teacher has also requested that we purchase more current textbooks. Our distribution from trust land funds was increased significantly this year, allowing us to proceed with these rather expensive purchases of textbooks. In the event that additional funds are ultimately distributed, we will direct those funds to technology.

All members in attendance indicated their support for this plan.

Jason Brooks reminded members that this proposed plan requires the signature of each council member. We are now able to do this via email. Each council member should receive an email asking them to review and approve the budget. Jason asked that members assist us by completing this requirement when it is received in their email.

Discussion occurred regarding the ACT prep class currently being held at Dixie High. Students had an opportunity to enroll in an online ACT prep course, and had three options for delivery of

this class. The first was to be supervised by a regular classroom teacher, the second was to utilize a class period for this activity under the supervision of an aide, and the third group chose to work independently from home. Our experience this year indicates that the students who worked under a teacher's supervision were more likely to remain in the class and worked more productively through the online content. For this reason, we would like to use trust land funds to create this same model next year.

The final meeting of the year for the Community Council will be held on April 12, 2016, at 4 p.m.