

Dixie High Community Council

Meeting Minutes

March 17, 2015

Members Present: Mary Cruz, Jennifer Hall, Steve Quinn, Paul Ogilvie, Shauna Challis, Esther Pugmire, Jason Brooks, Sharla Campbell

Items Discussed:

Council members were asked to provide feedback regarding their participation in the accreditation process. Comments indicated that the focus groups were well prepared and the process with positive. Sharla Campbell summarized the findings of the school's self-assessment, noting that the process revealed that we should continue to work on improving student learning in language arts and math, with an emphasis on closing the learning gap between Caucasian and Hispanic students. The Council also discussed the need to create a system of adult advocates for students in our school. Council expressed support for this and felt our students would benefit. The school will look at designing a format for this that will not have great impact on academic learning time.

The accreditation process will conclude with a visit from the External Visiting Team which will occur on April 8 and 9. Council members will participate in the Parent Interview portion of this review, to the extent that they are able to work around their schedules. Administration will share the findings of the visit with the Council at our next meeting.

Mary Cruz volunteered to translate for Spanish-speaking parents at our school. Jason Brooks reported that the school has placed a message on the school website with contact information for Mrs. Cruz and Mr. Brooks, both of whom can communicate in Spanish.

The next meeting of the Community Council will be held on April 7, 2015, at 4 p.m. This change in schedule will allow the Council to approve the school plan for State Trust Land Funds for school year 2015-16.