

Dixie High Community Council

Meeting Minutes

May 6, 2014

Members Present: Paul Ogilvie, Cary MacArthur, James Bown, Steve Quinn, Shauna Challis, Jennifer Hall, Kevin Simmons, Sharla Campbell, Jason Brooks.

Items Discussed: The Council discussed a slight change to our proposed budget, which will allow State Land Trust funds to purchase a period of Basic Academic Skills. This class allows students who need to recover credit an opportunity to complete this work while enrolled in an elective class at Dixie. This has proven very effective in helping kids to complete requirements for graduation. We will purchase two Chrome carts, rather than the three originally intended; however, Utah Online will provide the school with a portable lab, so the access to technology will remain at the same level we had originally intended. All Council members voiced approval of this change.

Sharla Campbell informed Council members about the Summer Reading program that will be initiated this year. Students who have tested with reading skills well below grade level are being recruited to participate in a program that will require them to read several books this summer and write responses in assignment format. Students who successfully complete these assignments will qualify for drawings for Kindles and other incentives. Tammy Miller will oversee this program through the summer and will monitor student progress.

The Council discussed the SAGE testing that has begun at our school. Of course, the testing is in a new format this year, but most reports are that it is progressing well. Several parents have objected to the test and submitted requests for their children to opt out. It was reported to the Council that all test questions were developed by Utah teachers, and all test questions were reviewed by committees comprised of Utah parents.

The composition of next year's Council was discussed. All current members wish to continue with their assignments on the Community Council, with the exception of Kathryn Anderson, who will no longer have children enrolled after this year. It was also requested that the Council appoint a parent from our school's Hispanic community. Garrison Cruz, Evelyn Porras, and Maria MacArthur were all mentioned as possible candidates.

The next meeting of the Community Council will be held on September 9, 2014.