

Dixie High School Community Council

Meeting Minutes

May 15, 2012

Members Present: Larry Bergeson, Cody Dupass, Glenn Whicker, Kevin Simmons, Jim Bown, Shauna Challis, Kathryn Anderson, Toni Schroath

Items Discussed:

Preliminary results of CRT tests are available in some subjects. Although these are not final results issued from the state, our teacher estimates indicate that Dixie High students will score well in language arts and science. Unfortunately, there remains some concern about the proficiency level in tested math subjects. Council members discussed some concerns that have been discovered as a result of the common core implementation in 9th grade this past year. Mr. Simmons reported that, as we implement the common core, Level 2, next year for 10th graders, we will offer a “block” option for students who need additional time and support. These students will have math class every day.

Council members also discussed the amended plan for State Trust Land Funds for school year 2012-2013. The state review of our original plan expressed concern about using funds for credit recovery purposes; instead, they recommended that we focus on options that will prevent failure rather than address failure. In keeping with the recommendation, it was proposed that the plan be altered to remove the credit recovery and replace it with .14 FTE of language arts instruction for 10th graders. This will keep language arts 10 class size low and allow for as much teacher response to individual students as possible in the regular classroom. This was proposed in recognition of the fact that all students must pass every quarter of language arts, every year, in order to remain on track for graduation. Students who fall far behind by failing classes in language arts are most at risk for not completing high school or earning a diploma. In order to keep our graduation rate as high as possible, we propose to reduce class size in language arts classes in 10th grade with the intent that we reduce the number of failing students in this course.

Jim Bown moved that the Council approve these proposed changes. The motion was seconded by Kathryn Anderson and passed unanimously.

