

Dixie High School Community Council Minutes

September 10, 2013

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

Items Discussed:

Members new to the Council were introduced. Joining the Council this year will be Jason Brooks, Paul Ogilvie, Cary MacArthur, and Steve Quinn.

Council Members viewed a video introducing Trust Land Funds.

Mrs. Campbell reviewed student test performance data. Dixie High received the highest UCASS score among high schools in the district this year, and significant gains were made in the areas of Algebra, Geometry, and Physics. The graduation rate for seniors last year was 95%, the highest in the district, but when the state averaged in the number of students who began high school in the 9th grade, but did not finish, the graduation rate fell to 80%. Mrs. Campbell reported the school is working on solving this with more attention to the classroom success of students, as well as managing the check-out coding process at the counseling offices at Dixie High and Dixie Middle.

Mr. Brooks explained to parents that the school will make a program called "Brain Pops" available to parents and students. This program reviews facts and information in several subjects and is a great tool for teachers to reinforce concepts learned in the classroom. Mr. Brooks will make information available to parents when this subscription is available.

It was also suggested that the school inform parents about the Smart Board capabilities of teachers to post each day's lesson on the teacher's website. It was felt this would be a valuable tool for students as they do homework. Shauna Challis also mentioned that Mr. Randall at Dixie Middle School has instructional videos for math online. She wondered if Dixie High students could access those as well. Mr. Brooks will investigate this possibility.

Kathryn Anderson expressed concern that a student playing soccer had been injured, but did not have insurance. It was her understanding that students were required to purchase accident insurance if the family did not have coverage. Mrs. Campbell will investigate this and report back.

The Council unanimously nominated and approved Kathryn Anderson and Kay Berry to serve as Co-Chairpersons for the Dixie High Community Council this year.

The next meeting of the Community Council will be held on October 8, 2013.