

# Dixie High School Community Council

## Minutes

October 22, 2013

**Members Present:** James Bown, Kathryn Anderson, Shauna Challis, Cary MacArthur, Paul Ogilvie, Jason Brooks, Sharla Campbell.

### Items Discussed:

Minutes of the September Community Council Meeting were reviewed. Shauna Challis made a motion to approve, seconded by James Bown. Minutes approved unanimously.

Discussion was held regarding changing our leadership model to comply with current State regulations. Community Councils are no longer permitted to elect Co-Chairs, but must select a Chairperson who is not a school employee. Paul Ogilvie made a motion that Kathryn Anderson serve as Chair, and Council members voted unanimously in support.

Sharla Campbell reported that our request of the School Board to use trust land funds to purchase Utah Write for Dixie High students was approved. School personnel will take steps to acquire and train teachers in its use.

Kathryn Anderson asked the school to ensure that all students participating in athletics be covered by insurance. The UHSAA forms required for participation are on our school website, and the school will work to ensure that insurance is mandatory for all participants.

Jason Brooks reported on Smart Board access for math students. All math teachers at Dixie High are using Smart Boards in class, and all but Simkins are posting daily notes on their web site for students to review from home. Simkins' students are asked to access notes Mrs. Mendenhall has placed on her website, since the classes are covering the same material. Mrs. Campbell will email parents with information about how students can obtain assistance with math using the resources available at Dixie High, including tutoring by Dixie State University students and math teachers.

The Council discussed the possibility of hiring an At-Risk Aide through trust land funds to mentor students who are not being successful in school. This aide has previously been assigned to handle the referral process for the Rebound Program, but this responsibility has been shifted to a full-time office assistant at school. This change of responsibility would allow the aide to help students follow up on completing assignments and preparing for graduation. Shauna Challis recommended that we research what Mrs. Lusk is doing at the Middle School, since she has been assigned a similar responsibility this year. The consensus of the Council was to proceed with initiating this hire and focusing on at-risk students.

Kathryn Anderson reported on the Community Council Training that was held at the District Office on October 15. Overall, she felt that Dixie High Community Council was functioning well and that there were no major changes needed. One of the changes to State regulations governing Community Councils was that there are now no term limits for parents who wish to serve. They may stand for re-election to a two-year term as often as they choose; the one requirement is that they must have a student attending the school.

The next meeting of the Community Council is scheduled for November 19, at 4 p.m. at Dixie High School.