

Dixie High School Community Council

Meeting Minutes

October 14, 2014

Members Present: Greg Butterfield, Jason Brooks, Sharla Campbell, Esther Pugmire, Sheri Feller, Shauna Challis. Mary Cruz, Steve Quinn, Paul Ogilvie, Cary MacArthur.

Items Discussed:

Greg Butterfield was welcomed as the new teacher representative on the Council, Esther Pugmire is new to the Council as a school counselor, and Mary Cruz joins us as a parent representative for the first time at this meeting.

Jason Brooks presented a letter to the Council requesting their support for changing our school plan for State Trust Land Funds to move money from Personnel to Technology. The FTE's provided by the district, and the extra courses funded through CTE allowed us to meet our needs through regular FTE channels, leaving this money available for purchasing Chrome Carts for our students to use in classes. All members agreed with this change in plan and every member signed the form.

Cary MacArthur was nominated and unanimously voted as the Vice Chair for the Council this year.

Sharla Campbell briefly explained and answered questions regarding the proposal to offer a 5 x 5 schedule for high school students next year. The greatest advantage to this proposal is that it would create opportunity for 10th graders to be in math every day and would decrease class size in many subjects. Teachers remain concerned about the loss of prep time and teaching two extra periods. The district will make a final decision soon about whether to implement the schedule next year for all high schools.

The Council also discussed the impending release of SAGE scores from end-of-level tests taken last year. The test is new this year, of course, and the scoring will be quite different from our previous CRT's. The SAGE scores will closely correspond to the levels scored on the ACT. Parents can expect to see the percentage of proficient students change from the accustomed 90th percentile in some subjects to percentages hovering in the 30th and 40th percentile. This will take some adjusting to understand the new cut scores and percentages.

The next meeting of the Community Council will be held on November 11, 2014, at 4 p.m.