

Dixie High School Community Council

Meeting Minutes

10-15-19

Members Present: Cortney Snow, Derek Schweitzer, Chantel Markel, Angela Atkinson, Christy Kauer, Lisa Trawick, Jason Brooks, Sharla Campbell

Items Discussed:

Council members discussed the requirement to provide digital citizenship training to Dixie High students. The school district personnel have made five short videos available to schools to use for this purpose. The topics of the videos include: 1) Who are you on social media? 2) Hate speech online; 3) When is your brain ready for social media? 4) Civil discourse online; 5) Screen time: how much is too much?

Council members viewed the first video and considered the content to be appropriate. The Council voted unanimously to use this source for Dixie High students. It was suggested that another topic (dangers of social media) be included as well. Chantel Markel suggested that the videos be sent to parents as well so they might engage their kids in conversation at home about these topics. After exploring this option, it was determined that the Powerpoint can be shared, not attached to email. We, therefore, have no viable means to share with all parents.

Christy Kauer mentioned that she would like to see kids who are new to the school be included more in PE classes. Mrs. Campbell will discuss this with the PE teacher.

Jason Brooks explained a proposal to create a support class for at-risk students who don't attend regularly. We will use STL funds for this purpose. The class will be a credit-bearing elective class and will include the curriculum from Cognitive Life Skills. Topics include positive thinking, cognitive employment for teenagers, and truancy. Christy Kauer moved to approve this use of STL funds, seconded by Cortney Snow. The Council voted unanimously to approve.

Christy Kauer asked if the school provides information to students about sexual assault. The health class curriculum provided to 10th graders does include a unit about this topic, with parental permission.

The next meeting of the Community Council will be held on January 22, 2020.