

Uintah SCC Meeting Minutes 4:45 – 6:00 PM 12/20/17

Attendees:

Weston Clark - SCC Chair

Stuart Contant

Ellen Schwede

Kerrie Doane

Kate Moss

Amy Taylor

Melissa Ford

Carol Theurer

Ken O'Brien

Jen Buckallew

Heather Bennett

Jen Buckallew took Minutes

1. Homework Discussion Discussion around Homework. Most the parents want the homework to go away. KSL ran a story recently. Summit county has already done away with homework. Carol gave her opinion, there are statistics around 4 touches to learn a concept. Some children need 8 touches. It depends on the students and classes. Carol talked to 3 teachers - and they felt that it instills responsibility in students. In 4th grade Ms. Jennings is not giving homework except reading. Ms. Stone in 2nd grade has decided not to give homework. Parents with kids with learning abilities have difficulty managing homework on top of everything else. 5th and 6th homework is a pretty hardline. It's hard to put a blanket statement is hard. Caroline couldn't be here, but she likes worksheets and would appreciate some type of application on how this could be integrated into something at home. With math homework the problems build and the last one is the hardest. Heather mentioned that Whittier made a decision not to have homework, not certain if that was just for the lower grades. This was recently. It came from parents but ultimately the teachers agreed. There are 6th grade teachers here who are very hardline on homework. Because they are preparing the kids for Clayton Middle School. They are big into the mindfulness aspect to help kids learn that they can do it, and they are responsible. Heather has a thought, don't let the task of finding out what kids know, get in the way of finding out what kids know. Look at the child and see whats going to work for that child. Unfortunately there isn't a one size fits all approach to teaching kids. Yet kids are required to fit into a one size fits all approach to learning. If we could send a message tonight its a plea to teachers to be understanding about homework expectations developmentally.

2. Subcommittees - safety/dress code (not a lot of interest, so plan on moving forward). We haven't had a lot of interest. Amy will be the chair on the safety committee, Stuart, Kerrie on Safety, and Kate and Kerrie on Dress Code. There is a new handbook coming out that says revised. The dress code hasn't been revised. We need some teachers to be involved as well.
 - a. Safety - a petition made it's way to the superintendent. They are addressing some issues in other schools. Ensign for example, cannot see folks coming in and out. We have good cameras and the button to buy people in. We haven't been hardline on that because on any given Monday there are 30 volunteers. Parents walk their kids into the morning. At the end of the day there are 10-30 parents talking to each other in the Kiva waiting for their kids to come out of their classrooms. There is a fair amount of Uintah culture at play here.
3. Land Trust Conversation Start. Skip
4. City/school safety plan report from district meeting Had a meeting and our school is a community place if there is a disaster. The first person to the KIVA becomes the leader. The city will come do a training if we want. Everyone wants the training. It's a JIT kit. Just in Time. It has flow charts on how to set up a command center. It has everything in the kit to set up for the community. Red Cross will be part of that and come to the schools. Uintah was made a safety point a couple years ago and the kit arrived last year. Then the HAM radio operators come to the school. The kit isn't sealed. The lists are inside. The idea is that in an emergency you don't know who is available. Stuart want's to chair this topic. Stuart will contact John Flynt at the city to discuss.
5. Air Quality Regulations
 - a. There are two levels. Developing lungs qualify them to be in that group. District policy uses the DEQ to decide who goes in and out. Uintah is working on getting a Purple Air installed outside to get a correct read on the air quality here. Last year students went outside to tell parents to turn off their cars and be idle free. Currently they we have to go off the Hawthorne numbers. Today there was a misread. Those who are at risk were allowed to stay in. The one we use updates every hour. The one we would install would update realtime.
6. PTA/SIC/Principal updates. Land trust we should start the conversations when we come back from the holidays. That and the School Improvement plan need to mesh together. On January 26th the next professional development date - the staff will meet and start working on the SIC. We are going to get a lot more input ahead of time from the staff and community. We still have \$16k sitting in a discretionary account to be used for science supplies. Ken has been meting with Genisys Scientific. He will sell the supplies at a cut rate. He has been to the school twice to give examples of what can be used collectively. Microsbes and

Balances can be used for all grades and they are durable. In good faith we are going to use the money to give all kids reasons to access the lab.

- a. in terms of the Land Trust and SIP. We did have Language and Math goals. we were the highest scoring state in the school last year in Math. Some of the pushback is on why did we change the program. Teachers are embracing it now. Just our district switched.

7. Other Business. None.