

Uintah Elementary School Community Council Meeting

November 10, 2022

4:45 – 6:00 pm

Open meeting/Roll Call

Bruce Simpson, Sabrina Felsted, Angie Carter, Amanda Funai, Ellen Schwede, Beth Stutsman, Marie Jeffries, Jake Skog

Welcome to Uintah SCC Meeting. Amanda Funai leading September Meeting.

Agenda:

- Open Meeting/ Roll Call/ Introductions
- Discuss any leftover business from prior meetings
- Discuss and vote on preferred calendar options

Open meeting/roll call

Amanda Funai will send out application for SCC. Skipped introductions. No concerns on last month's minutes and they are approved by Marie Jeffries and Ellen Schwede.

The decision on calendar options must be submitted within 30 days, before December 21st.

Calendar options

Option 1: is the traditional model with a two-day fall break, two-week winter break, and a one-week spring break. The first day of school is at the end of August and the last day of school will be in June. Five teacher contract days are scheduled prior to the start of the school year.

Option 2: has a week earlier start date and the last day of school will be in June. It still has a two-week winter break and a one-week spring break but increases fall break to one-week. Four teacher contract days are scheduled before the start of the school year and the fifth is in March.

Option 3: has a week earlier start date and an earlier end date. It has a two-day fall break, a two-week winter break, and a one-week spring break. This means the school year should conclude before June. Five teacher contract days are scheduled prior to the start of the school year.

Beth Stutsman likes option two because the longer summer means kids can forget more, and a week-long fall break sounds nice. Marie Jeffries also likes option two because of the earlier start date. Ellen mentioned that option 2 fall break aligns with the University of Utah's fall break which could help some parents. Angela Carter likes option two or three as a teacher since we were a week behind this year. Kids also check out the last week of June so the earlier end date may help. Clarification on contract days not being asynchronous days. Moving forward there will not be asynchronous days. Jake agrees that starting earlier is a better choice along with a longer summer.

Votes

Option 1: 0 votes

Option 2: 3 votes, Ellen, Amanda and Beth

Option 3: 2 votes, Marie and Jake

Parents can live with option 2 or 3 but not option 1

Report from Principal:

- Monthly budget report is sent every month to Mr. Simpson. Shows the starting budget for the month, stuff still out there, money spent, and the remaining balance. Negative amounts can be taken from other categories and money can be switched over to cover other categories.
- The focus of our budget is for the people to help the students and then supplies
- The technology budget will help get laptops for all students. In grades 3-6 laptops are 1 to 1 but that will change to the lower grades too. We will keep our two computer labs.
- Most of the 1033 budget is to cover our paras. The Trust Lands fund will be used first and then other budgets will be used like the Esser budget and TSSA.
- Librarian has a library media budget.
- Land trust is used to pay for Ms. Gustafson
- Safe Technology and Digital Citizenship is about creating a safe technology environment for students. We were using IBOSS but recently switched to Content Keeper Internet Filter. The new filter is sending more reports and flagging more searches than the previous filter. The district is still configuring this filter.
- There are different settings which block Youtube for students but allows access to faculty.
- LANschool is used for teachers to monitor student's screens. We will look into using it in the 6th grade.
- JamF Mobile is used to force mobile devices to use Content Keeper like I pads.
- If inappropriate content is accessed Mr. Simpson will speak to the student and their parents.
- All district devices will have the filtering service regardless of use in school or at home.
- Main programs used: ST Math, Lexia, Dream Box, Typing without Tears, Microsoft Suite, Canvas, 3-5th grade use Typing.com.
- If inappropriate content appears students are told to close their computer, talk to their teacher.
- Personal devices are to be kept in lockers or in student's pocket and not used during the day.
- There have been a few instances of email bullying this school year but there was a discussion between the students and Mr. Simpson.
- Laws and regulations for religion in school, we are neutral and if religion is brought up it is facts about it. We avoid controversial subjects.
- The school board is grading schools again and we're the top scoring elementary school in science. Yay! Our school grade is an A.

Report from SIC:

- It is no longer permitted to use magnets to keep classroom doors open .
- Thank you to the PTA! Working on a way to thank them.
- Coming up with ideas on how to use PTA donated money

Report from PTA:

- PTA president is taking a leave of absence, but still have 3 people in leadership.
- Fundraiser went above the goal.
- Finding the right way to spend the money from the fundraiser.
- Science fest will be in January, possibly Friday January 20th.
- Reach out to Ellen or Amanda with Science fest ideas or how to spend fundraising money

Call for motions? No

ADJOURN: Jake Skog, Ellen Schwede