

Uintah Elementary School Community Council Meeting

November 11, 2021

4:45 – 6:00 pm

Open Meeting/Roll Call

Bruce Simpson, Amy Taylor, Ellen Schwede, Amanda Funai, Melissa Jansen, Melissa Ford, Angie Carter, Carol Theurer, Erika Hill, Robert Jansen

Welcome to Uintah SCC Meeting. Bruce Simpson/Amanda Funai leading November Meeting.

Agenda:

Approve previous meeting minutes from previous meeting. Ellen moved to approve them. Angela Carter 2nd. All in favor.

SCC Calendar for rest of year. Bruce Simpson motioned to approve dates and keep same time as well as keep meetings on Zoom. Amy Taylor 2nd. All in favor.

- Dec 9
- Jan 13
- Feb 10
- Mar 10
- Apr 14
- May 12

SCC requirements for November/December

- School Safety and Digital Citizen Reports

Report from Principal:

- Uintah's Emergency Plan: Bonneville is where we will relocate if our building ever becomes compromised.
- Safe Technology and Digital Citizenship: District uses iBoss internet filter which does a rather good job of filtering out unwanted websites. Any devices that are owned by the district have iBoss even if they are off campus. Mr. Simpson gets a weekly report if anyone has looked up anything inappropriate. Students are making good choices. We are vigilant and engaged with students and what sites they access. YouTube is blocked for students but not staff. Working on getting LanSchool set up for upper grades. Anytime inappropriate content is reported to Mr. Simpson he will address it. Devices connected to BYOD are also filtered through iBoss.
- COVID Dashboard: Currently we have 4 cases. Rolling cases are hovering right around 2-4 cases consistently. If there is a classroom where there are more cases, we are having our custodian focus on extra cleaning and sanitizing. Our district nurse has come in to discuss good hygiene, handwashing, and best practices. Amanda Funai asked if there are kids not wearing masks and if we are having to give out a lot of masks. We have not had that problem at Uintah. The County Health Department will also be holding a vaccination clinic at our school. They will also have

vaccines for adults and boosters. Parents must be present to be vaccinated. N95 masks have been passed out to students and have been encouraged to wear them at school.

- Rules of Order: They were adopted last year and based off recommendations from the state. They will be added to the SCC link on the Uintah's website and sent out to all SCC members.
- End of term next week. Report cards will go home at the end of November, beginning of December.
- Looking for a lunch/recess Paraprofessional. If you know of someone who may be interested, please have them apply.

Report from SIC

- Uintah will not be participating in the district Science Fair as a school this year due to COVID.
- SCC is working out a policy on what to do during inclement weather and low temperature mornings. This is also being discussed at the upcoming faculty meeting.
- Air Quality: will be monitoring red and yellow air days throughout the day. We are trying to ensure a medical reason is provided for students that need to stay in during recess.
- Novels: trying to ensure there is less overlap between classroom and library expectations. Amanda Funai asked how parents know when there are assignments and when they are due from the librarian. Mr. Simpson will ask Ms. Edgley to communicate expectations and assignments to grade levels and parents.
- 6th graders did a fall service project of raking leaves around the school property. We would like to continue this as a tradition to help custodians.

Report from PTA

- PTA meeting: Highlighted Halloween Carnival. Shoutout to faculty members for stepping in to help with carnival.
- Fall Fundraiser: Raised around \$6,700 out of a \$10,000 goal.
- T-shirt sales started last week. Adult sizes are going on sale this week. They are pre-ordered only so they can be bought in bulk.
- Reflections: Due November 23rd. Discussion about how to highlight Reflection entries a little more. Mr. Simpson mentioned he could put them up on our website if it follows Reflections and PTA rules.
- Uintah Goes East: Pantry drive. Hopefully, Mr. Simpson will get a pie in the face again.
- Air Purifiers: Fundraising goal of \$13,000 to cover the cost of air purifiers. Up to a vote to purchase them anyway. Vote ended in a tie. Another vote will take place in the December meeting. Anyone who is a PTA member is welcome to vote.

From the Board

- Excited about vaccination clinics.
- Working on Student Achievement Plan
- Bruce asked about ESSER Funds. There are three rounds. 1st was spent mostly on technology. 2nd round was spent on infrastructure. 3rd is still waiting to be finalized and approved. Some portion of the 3rd round is dedicated to each individual school, in which they will have to explain what it will be spent on.

- Carol Theurer asked if there is any feedback on start time changes. Melissa Ford anticipates the data will come in February/March. Research shows it is highly beneficial for High Schoolers to start between 8:30-9:30. Carol mentioned a negative of our early start time is kids walking to school before the time change in the dark. Melissa mentioned Bruce could survey start time to see how it is working.
- Carol Theurer mentioned the fact that we do not have Subs. We are lucky at Uintah that we have a para per grade level, so we have coverage, but it is bad when you need a sub. District is looking at incentives for subs, like paying them more. They are also trying to streamline the application process.
- Melissa Jansen asked about redistricting and how it can affect the school district. Melissa Ford said the precincts will largely stay the same.

Dress Code Discussion

- Our old dress code was not very gender neutral.
- Dress Code was addressed a few years ago when they scraped the Uintah Dress Code and decided to go with the district dress code.
- Focus on speaking with students in an educational way rather than shame and ridicule.
- Angie Carter mentioned that it is hard that there is no consistency with dress codes between Elementary, Jr High and High Schools. It is not applied equally across all schools.
- Education needs to be with the staff as well.
- Classes can “earn” some things, like wearing hats, but no other things like wearing clothing that gang, drugs, and alcohol on it.
- When it comes to our approach, when students are not in compliance with dress code, how can we not make them feel ashamed?
- Equity piece will go a long way for students to get on board with dress code.
- Carol Theurer motioned to accept the District Dress Code as is. Motion seconded. All in favor, no objections.

Call for motions?

ADJOURN: Carol Theurer calls to adjourn the meeting. Amy Taylor seconded. All in favor, no opposition.