

Uintah Elementary School Community Council Meeting

September 8, 2022

4:45 – 6:00 pm

Open Meeting/Roll Call

Bruce Simpson, MaryJane Moore, Ellen Schwede, Amanda Funai, Angie Carter, Bryan Jensen, Rebecca Kobar, Jill Baldwin, Allison Littlefield, Beth Stutsman, Allison Hillas, Marie Jeffries, Jake Skog

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

Agenda:

Open meeting/roll call/ introductions

Amanda Funai spoke about what SCC is and how the meetings go. Always the second Thursday of every month at 4:45 to 6:00. Second Thursday of October is fall break so it will be moved to the first Thursday of October, the 6th. There is an application that can be filled out to become an official member of the SCC, which is required to vote on things. To continue to be a voting member, you must attend at least half of the meetings, of which there are only about 7 or 8 a year. To be able to vote on things, more parents need to be present than staff. Any emails from Bruce will be sent from his school email. Amanda is chair of SCC and Ellen is vice-chair but no secretary. The secretary is not a voting member.

Discuss leftover business from prior meeting:

- New parking signs in front of school limiting parking to 3 minutes may not be working.
- Work order has been submitted to change sprinkler times.
- Encouraging parents to use crosswalks for student safety and not j-walk
- We are unable to create a new crosswalk due to city and state guidelines. Field gates will be open for morning and afternoon traffic.

Report from Principal:

- It has been a harder transition for the younger grades to separate from their parents because of work at home situations which is causing separation anxiety.
- Excessive Heat: Teachers had the option to keep students in for indoor recess due to the heat, but the a/c has been working well so school did not have to end early.
- Progress Monitoring: District has given us some historical trend data from 2017 to 2022, the 5-year growth plan. We had a drop in proficiency in 2021 and the highest proficiency in Language Arts in 2022 but we dropped in growth. In Math we dropped in proficiency in 2021 but went back up in 2022. Growth in Math, we dropped in 2022. Science testing is only in grades 4-6. We had a drop in proficiency in 2021 and bumped back up in 2022 with a 6% gain but growth was flat. Testing looks different from K-2 grades and 3-6 grades.
- Additional funding and support can be given to a school if it is underperforming.

Report from Counselor:

- Positive behavior program

- Reminded students of expectations – Be safe, Be respectful, Be responsible
- Unicorn tickets will be given to students who stand out as responsible. Chosen students will meet each morning and parents will be notified. Ten unicorn tickets in a row gets a mystery motivator.
- Traits of the month will be explained at the beginning of each month, which are:
August/September - Friendship, October - Self Control, November – Appreciation, December – Generosity, January – Confidence, February – Kindness, March – Trustworthy, April – Cooperation, May/June - Effort. Each grade level will get a turn to decorate the trait of the month bulletin board.
- This year we will increase positive parent communication by using Congrats Cards.

Report from SIC:

- SIC stands for School Improvement Committee. With SIC, they make some site-based decisions based on the needs of our school.
- They meet on the first Thursday of every month with a rep from every grade, along with Bruce, Sabrina, Mary Jane, and the paras.
- Teachers will be contacting parents to find out preferences for zoom or in person parent teacher conferences.
- The science fair will be voluntary, and projects will not be done in class.
- PTA will be having a science fest.
- We are thrilled to have a new art teacher, Sammi Grant, thanks to the PTA.
- Next faculty meeting will be working on our school goals.

Report from PTA:

- Rebecca Kobar is our new PTA president, Sharla Morley is VP of programming and membership, Ellen Schwede is secretary.
- The first PTA meeting of the school year was on 9/7/22.
- This year we will be doing 2 fundraisers, Fun Run and Art Night.
- Budget has been passed.

Report from the Board:

- In the fall Melissa Ford will be retiring and there will be a need for a new precinct 6 board member.
- Bryan Jensen talked about his qualifications and more information can be found www.bryanforschoolboard.com

Call for motions? No

ADJOURN: Ellen Schwede, Rebecca Kobar, all in favor meeting adjourned