

Community Council Approved Minutes

August 26, 2015

5:00 p.m.

Attended: Melisa Richardson, Donna Starley, Holly Parson, Janel Shamo-Wilson, Jenny Johnson, Linda Jensen, Kristeen Christensen, Daniel Kent, Bo Roundy, Chazel Jenkins, Monica Chase, Shane Ogden, and Nicky Kimball.

Excused: Jason Pond, Kollie Rawlins, and Lee Knight

Shane welcomed everyone to the 1st meeting of the new school year. We have many new faces and I'm very excited for the upcoming year. I would like everyone to go around and introduce themselves and tell us a little bit about you. It was very good to hear all the good stuff about each member of our community council.

Next item on the agenda is selecting a President and Vice President for our 2015-16 school community council. Shane opened the nominations for President. Linda Jensen nominated Jenny Johnson, Jenny Johnson nominated Holly Parsons. Holly said she is too busy and said that Jenny would do a good job. Kristeen said she would not be inserted in take on that leadership. Shane indicated that there were still two members that had not been mentioned and that was Jason Pond and Lee Knight. Members said that Jason would be very good, but he was not at the meeting and we didn't know how he would feel about it. Holly indicated that he was very busy with responsibilities but would do a very good job. Holly nominated Jason and Monica 2nd it and Jenny 3rd it. Shane said before we make an decision let's go over the responsibility of being president.

Roll of President:

- Run the meeting
- Be in charge of the meeting
- Once a month meet with Shane to put agenda together
- Attend one meeting held by the District Office with Principal
- Can delegate to VP if president can't attend
- President and VP can be 50/50 or individual

After reviewing the role of president Shane opened up elections again. The majority voted for Jenny to be president. Shane closed nomination and Kristeen 2nd it. All were in favor and no opposed. Shane turned the time over to the new President Jenny Johnson to conduct the process of selecting the new Vice President. Elections were opened for VP. Kristeen Christensen was nominated for Vice President. Daniel Kent motioned to close the nomination. Bo Roundy 2nd it. Jenny took a vote and all was in favor and no opposed. Kristeen acceptable the role of VP.

Shane took a few minutes to talk about last year meeting. At the beginning of the year we always had Norms on the agenda. What are Norms? Norms are rules that govern the body, general rules, and handling disagreements.

What our Norms will be:

- Start and end on time
- Adhere to the time limits on discussions
- Have a timer (Monica)
- Email Information out prior to meeting

- Allow everyone to speak
- Opportunity to share
- Stay on task

Jenny talked about when you end at a certain time and we don't get to the information it gets moved to the next agenda. There were always items that we were not getting to because they always got moved. Shane agreed with that. We need to start giving everyone who is on the agenda a certain amount of time and let them know beforehand. Make sure items on the agenda are items the council should be addressing. Make sure to give everyone enough time.

Shane asked what data would the council like to review at the next meeting. If we send out the information beforehand it will give you time to look at it and have time to right down any questions you have. Showing it at the meeting does not give you enough time to know what questions you would like to ask and it takes up to much time at the meeting. I think this will help the meeting flow better.

Primary functions of the community council is making sure the allocation of LandTrust money is spent correctly and overseeing the school plan.

Training – Did everyone get to watch the video? Everyone had the opportunity to watch it but was not able to watch the presentation. Next item we went over was the School Community Council Compliance Checklist. Everyone took a few minutes to read through it, so we can answer any questions they have. Shane informed everyone about the codes that you are seeing to the outside of each paragraph, these are state codes. After everyone was done reading it, Shane wanted to go a few quick points.

Elections – Are overseen by the principal and are conducted by means of a secret ballot. This year we had 4 openings and had 4 people apply. We still held elections but no voting was involved. We hold elections in the spring and will notify the incoming freshmen parents of any openings.

Website – We will have your full name and email address located on the community council website. You can chose to include a phone number with your information.

Minutes – All community council minutes need to be sent to all members and posted on the website within 48 hours of the meeting. The minutes will remain in a draft form until they are approved at the next meeting.

Council Items - There are community council items that Shane need to have submitted in October, we will be going over them at the September meeting.

Budget – Shane talked about how the LandTrust budget is a moving target. In the summer USOE gives out the budgets to the District Office. After the October 1st count we can either lose money or have money added. This depend on if we either lose or gain students. Last year we had put aside money to buy ACT prep to help students prepare for the ACT. There was some miscommunication at the District level, we had some employees that get paid through the summer and that money was not allocated in to the budget. That is where the money went that was set aside for the ACT Prep material.

Committee @ LHS – Logan High has subcommittees that are being put together, it would be very helpful if we could have some of our council members to serve on them. The Logan City School Board at times will ask the input of the council member on certain items.

In the School Community Council Compliance Checklist are some Norm. These are very good. Jenny will go through them and refine the ones we have. We will go over them at the next meeting.

Mark your calendar for the training on October 21st. This meeting will be held in Cache Valley. Location to be determined.

School Plan – The LandTrust department at USEO reviews our Community Council Plan in May. First item that we will review is the new Academic Intervention Specialist makes more than the previous one (Paul Wagner) we are not able to pay for the Para's out of the of the TrustLand money because of the increase of the specialist salary. One of the question was how can we pay for this position out of LandTrust money. Looking at the guidelines of what we can spend LandTrust money on, how does this qualify? Some of the members feel that this is a big chunk of LandTrust money that could go to fund other positions. Shane indicated that Karen Rupp of USOE is the one who approves our plan and there has been no red flags. Shane indicated as a council if you choose not to fund this position that is something we can do when we start working on the plan for next year. The school would have to come up with a way to fund this position.

Jenny asked if there has been any changes to the Intervention program this year. Shane said there was no changes. Jenny brought up the concern from the survey about Intervention being a concern. Holly wanted to know if we could bring the intervention specialists to the next meeting to talk about intervention. Holly stated I have had two kids go through intervention and I am still having a hard time understanding it. Jenny had brought up that the survey indicated that no one wanted to get rid of intervention just move it to a time when it would function better. Intervention is a very important component here at the school. Shane mention that the school will have a intervention committee and that would be good to have community council parents or any parents on there to have input. There are some items we need to go over from the School Improvement Plan that need to be amended.

The first one is goal #1 and that is to remove the 2 Intervention paras from being paid out of LandTrust. Before we had gone through all the goals, Jenny had motion to approve goal #1 and Donna 2nd it.

Then we discuss to do that after we went through all the goals. Daniel Kent motion to withdraw the motion until we had review all the goals. All were in favor no opposed.

Goal #3 we had 3 para professionals and we are going to cut back one of the positions and up the hours on the two we are keeping. Goal #4 the science department was going to work on their common core during the summer, because we didn't have all of hires that was not done. Shane will talk to them and see if this is something they would like to do outside of contract hours. He will report back at the next meeting if they wish to do this or we can choose what to spend the money on. After all the goals were gone through and discussed Daniel Kent motioned to amend the plan and Monica 2nd it. Jenny asked all in favor say I and no one opposed.

Jenny wanted everyone to know the school has a PTA and Julie Needham is the president. We also have a volunteer program call the Watch Dogs and Dan John is

overseeing this program. This is where a parent can volunteer 1 hour each month if they choose so. We will use these volunteers as hall monitors, lunch room, and where ever support is needed. Jenny talked about the complaint form that was passed by the board of education and Superintendent. This form is to try and take care of the problem at the lowest level possible. If a student has a problem with a teacher instead of going to the principal they need to try and work it out with the teacher, if that is not possible then they move up the ladder to the principal and so on. The superintendent is really hoping it can be resolved the lowest level possible instead of going straight to the District Office and by passing the ones involved. Jenny expressed that she would like to see the council members go to the activities that they can and be a familiar face to parents and an advocate to express any concerns that they have.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Tentative Meetings for the 2015-16 School Year:

September 23, 2015

October 28, 2015

November 18, 2015

December 16, 2015

January 13, 2016

February 10, 2016

March 9, 2016

April 13, 2016

May 11, 2016

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