

Joel P. Jensen Middle School Community Council
January 16, 2013
Agenda

- I. Minutes from previous meeting approved via email.
- II. Welcome, Celebrations, Latest News
- III. Training – report of online viewing of land trust video
- IV. Counseling
- V. YPP review
- VI. CRT scores
- VII. Trustlands review
- VIII. Calendar
- IX. Opportunity for Community Comments
- X. Next meeting – March 20, 2013, 4:30 p.m. (may need to add a meeting in February)
- XI. Adjourn

Meeting Minutes

Those in attendance: Jana Bailey, Lisa Blake, Tracey Smith, Janet Hamilton, Paula Booth, Connie Bailey, Wendy Bartlett, Marilyn Kurt, Ben Jameson, Bryan Leggat, Patrice Shaffer, Cynthia Vandermeiden, and Brook Hatch.

Called to order 4:35 p.m. in the Media Center.

- I. Minutes from the previous meeting were approved via email.
- II. The following celebrations and news items were shared:
 - a. The 7th Grade Science classes have their CRTs this week. They are the first to test, and the students and teacher are feeling confident.
 - b. Wendy Bartlett shared that five students have passed Math Lab and feel more confident with their math abilities.
 - c. Bryan Leggat mentioned the computer lab in the back of room 409 has had the wiring completed and should be up and running soon. This will make more computers available to help with testing. The mobile computer lab is also up and running.
 - d. The number of tardy students is considerably lower. Starting next week, the passing time for Fridays will increase from four to five minutes. This should also help.
- III. Report given of on-line viewing of the land trust video by members of the committee who had not watched it previously. Patrice Shaffer has watched it. Janet Hamilton will be watching it tonight.
- IV. Wendy Bartlett gave the following report from the Counseling Center:
 - a. Counselors are working on completing the 8th grade SEOPs.
 - b. Sixty-eight students have been selected to take the NAEP test that will be given on February 21st.

- c. The Ra Ra Assembly for 6th Graders will be on February 7th during the day for students and a parent meeting at 7:00 p.m. later that night. Incoming 7th grade registrations are due on February 14th. A meeting will be held on January 25th with the Elementary School Principals to help with student transitioning.
 - d. CRT Testing is happening this week for the 7th grade science students.
 - e. UALPA (Utah Academic Language Proficiency Assessment) testing is also this week. We have the largest group of ELL students in the district.
 - f. We have many new students recently. Some are new to the district, others are coming back from Charter Schools and permits.
 - g. Eighth grade registration will be on March 4th. Ninth grade registration is on February 28th. The high school will be here on January 29th, and Parent's Night will be on January 30th.
- V. Cynthia Vandermeiden (Language Arts Department Chair) and Brook Hatch (Math Department Chair) gave report on YPP (Yearly Progress Pro). YPP is a software program used to help student develop mastery in specific areas. It is an expensive program purchased with trust land funds. The school has decided to use it for the year and evaluate whether the results are worth the cost. Ms. Vandermeiden explained how the program works and expressed that it is visually discouraging resulting in student frustration. It is time consuming and only services 7th and 8th grades. YPP follows similar strategies used for this year's CRTs, but not for next year's. Brook Hatch gave a similar report for the Math classes. She said that it does not meet the math core and requires more time than they have to give to it. Math is currently only using it 75% of the recommended time.
- VI. Mr. Leggat explained the idea for setting up a learning lab at the school. It would be in one of the vacant classrooms and would include technology that students can use to get extra help. Students would be able to use the lab during the late start days, before and after school, ISS, etc. The lab would need volunteers and aides to track students and help run the lab. Mr. Jameson provided the handout "Number of Students 'On the Bubble'" that identified the number of students who are close to passing their tests and could benefit from using the lab. He said that teachers now have names of these students and are starting to work with them to help improve test scores. The school is looking at setting up the lab for next year and would like to look at using trustland money to add to grant money to fund the lab.
- VII. Mr. Leggat distributed the handout "School LAND Trust Program 2011-2012 Progress Report and 2012-2013 School Plan for Joel P. Jensen MD". He reviewed the timeline. Estimated budgets will be coming out either in February or and March and plans are due on April 15th. A quick meeting will be held on April 10th to approve the plan.
- VIII. Comments:
- a. A question was raised asking if the learning lab can be used for all students and not just those who are "on the bubble." Ideas were shared that included National Junior Honor Society students, careers, and community speakers.
 - b. Inquiry was given about whether or not there was enough after school help for math. The math department reported they are doing well.
 - c. Mr. Leggat mentioned that next year the school will be looking at redoing the school late work policy.

- IX. Calendar:
- a. The SRI movie will be held on February 4th. It will be for students who have increased their SRI scores by 50 points, and for advanced readers.
 - b. Student-Led Conferences will be held February 27 and 28. Grade level competitions are being held for the Advisory classes who have the most parents attend the conferences.
 - c. E-mails have been sent out about the Statewide Community Council Meeting. Lisa Blake will send them out again. Let her know if you are planning on attending.
- X. The next meeting will be held on March 20, 2013 at 4:30 p.m. in the Media Center.
- XI. A motion was made by Janet Hamilton to adjourn. It was seconded.

Adjourned 5:40 p.m.