

Weber High Community Council Meeting
September 23, 2020 at 4:30 in school library

Welcome: Principal Chris Earnest

Introductions of Council Members:

Parents: Tara Keyes, Jaclyn Wintle, Sara Urry, Naomi Trammell,
Jennie Taylor, Johnny Ferry, Mandy Mortensen, Marlisa Lund
(excused Amanda Poll)

Staff Members: Brad Gathercole, Sherri Porter, Chris Earnest

TRAINING

- Reviewed Roberts Rules of Order; accepted with no changes
- Shawn Potokar will post approved minutes on website
- Appropriate Expenditures: money must be spent on students. Cannot be spent on building, athletics, playground; Most of our money is spent on teacher buyouts.
- Enrollment at WHS is approx. 2057 and we have a new portable classroom.
- Discussed classes and class size for math and English (28-34) history (32-34) want to decrease size of science classes. There are more students in physics, chemistry, and Ag bio with a decrease enrollment in biology.
- We have new SPIN and HIT classes
- We have German, sign language, Spanish and Chinese

ELECTION of New

CHAIR: Tara Keyes

Co-CHAIR: Jennie Taylor

SECRETARY: Marlisa Lund

TRUSTLANDS REQUIREMENTS

- Reviewed digital citizenship and safety plan; CIPA training is a district curriculum
- No Wi-Fi on any cellphones in building so enough is available for Chromebooks
- BARK monitoring – assistant principals have different sections of alphabet to monitor. Lots of flags
- FILTER REPORT each morning – District filters are good. Words are flagged and reviewed each morning. And each attempt to access is flagged

- EQUITY, JUSTICE, and INCLUSION TRAINING – will be done for us by district person. Equity means that things are the same for everyone, not just equal. Training will be for teachers, staff and students
- PANORAMA – a program purchased by district for social, emotional learning (SEL) Gives real time info for teachers. Teachers will partner up with certain students. We are currently concerned about all our teachers, staff and students and how they are doing during this pandemic. Ogden School District has used this program for several years with great success and has data to back it up.
- JESSICA WARREN is our new LCSW and will be working full time at WHS
- SAFE UT – during summertime was handled through University of Utah and now WHS Admin will only be notified of high risk rather than every call. Safe UT is available to all. Some students use it “just to talk”

OVERVIEW of TRUSTLANDS PLAN for 2020-2021

- Complete plan is available
- Highlights
 - o GOAL: To increase ACT score. Scores did drop a little this year and that is to be expected with school closures and pandemic. We will offer an ACT prep class taught by Eileen Santella.
 - o We have a student advocate dedicated to tracking online learners.
 - o We are having in school suspension
 - o Parent Teacher conferences will be virtual this year.
 - o We are replacing classroom projectors.
 - o Teachers would like classroom microphones, especially when wearing masks.
 - o Switching out Smart Boards for Smart TV's
 - o GOAL: Support training for teachers and increased enrollment in IB program
 - o Increase IB enrollment from 16 to 24. We currently have 20 students online to graduate with IB
 - o Legislature didn't decrease trust lands or TSSA money this year.
 - o Buyouts are cheaper than another teacher because of benefits savings.

OVERVIEW OF TSSA Money

- Complete plan is available
- Plan developed with mostly faculty and staff input
- #1 GOAL: Support and track mental/emotional health of all students
- #2 GOAL: Teachers going to Solution Tree Training
- #3 GOAL: Provide support for non-traditional or academically struggling students – Night school or Edgenuity

CURRENT SCHOOL CONCERNS RIGHT NOW

- Teachers need support – they have more students, online students, learning canvas and they run out of time
- 4th quarter credit recovery for students who missed it when soft closure happened. We have 200 students that failed a class this past spring
- Changing time for after school help and online help. In person student help will be 1:50-2:30pm And online student help will be 2:30-3:30pm
- How can we as a community help our teachers
 - Stop emailing them asking about when grades will be posted. They are doing their best
 - Teach our kids to advocate for themselves. They can talk to their teachers in person and ask about assignments and grade. Parents do not need to email for their student
 - THANK a teacher today