

**Weber High School
Community Council
Wednesday, January 12, 2022
Meeting Minutes**

In Attendance:

Chris Earnest, Principal
Nick Reyes, Assistant Principal
Toria Randolph, Teacher
Sherri Porter, Counselor
Jaclyn Wintle, Parent
Johnny Ferry, Parent
Krissy Hales, Parent
Marlisa Lund, Parent
Angie Francom, Parent
Quincey Mogolich, Parent
Amanda Poll, Parent
Jennie Taylor, Parent

Counseling Update: Sherri Porter

- CCRs wrapping up; online course selection opens on Tuesday, stays open through February
- 9th graders get to visit Weber High. North and Snow Crest come on the 26th and Orion comes on the 27th.
 - Student clubs will guide the tour groups
 - These are tours for STUDENTS; parents are welcome to come tour during Sophomore Orientation or Back to School Night. This 9th grade visitor's day is just for the 9th graders to get a feel for what the classes at Weber High have to offer them.
 - Students will receive a packet of papers/information to bring home after the visit.
 - The counselors will go visit the junior highs in early February to help them get registered for the 2022-2023 school year.
 - Chris made the point to encourage junior high kids to take Fit for Life as a 9th grader so that they can free up some school time for class opportunities during their years at Weber
- College Day for Juniors, February 15th
- ACT for all Juniors, March 8th (sophomores take the ASPIRE test the same day)

Attendance Credit Discussion: Chris Earnest

- Extracurricular Attendance Policy—to be implemented starting 3rd quarter
 - It's been reviewed by department heads, faculty, coaches, PTSA leadership, etc.

- The proposed plan was shared with all in attendance
- The proposed plan is not intended to be punitive in nature, but rather to encourage attendance and help students realize how important coming to school is.
- Any absences will need to be excused by the parents; prearranged absences can be phoned in ahead of time.
- Bonneville has already implemented a similar plan and they've seen great results. Fremont is also about to implement this type of plan.
- Our WHS administration plans to talk with the junior high schools about getting 9th graders to also recognize the importance of attendance
- The absences and tardies can be made up with time spent in the classroom and/or assisting the custodial staff.

Registration: Chris Earnest

- Classes need to have 15-20 kids to be offered. If the numbers aren't high enough, the class will be removed from the schedule.
- Discussion on the AP and Concurrent Classes. The AP classes are struggling a bit with enrollment, while the concurrent classes are getting more and more traction.

Next Meeting: A close look at our **School Improvement Plan ideas for 2022-2023**

- Smaller class sizes in some core classes really does make a difference
- Teacher buyouts can be paid for with a variety of funding sources
- Trust Lands, TSSA, ESSR
- One goal would be to add a fourth Student Advocate for the coming school year.
- WHS is working on a Center for Multicultural Excellence
 - Several teachers from a variety of departments have been on the committee putting this together
 - Research has been done looking at other schools, universities and how they are addressing cultural issues
 - Warrior Lunch: administrators meet with a handful of students at a time to get feedback on how to improve our school culture
 - The Panorama data was used to help guide these discussions
 - The center will be open to all students
 - Focuses on academics, sociocultural, resources, communication, etc.
 - Student groups will help run the center
 - Goals: Equity, Justice, Inclusion
 - The center could be located in the small building next to the seminary building
 - Target timeline: end of February/beginning of March open and fully functioning
- Chromebook leases
- Panel TVs in place of old Smart Boards
- Sheet music royalties for choir and band

Discussion of Graduation Rates:

Graduation rates were up last year, which is great news. This might be partially attributed to the fact that there wasn't the typical fee in place associated with credit/course makeup.

Discussion of School Safety:

Some of our teachers and students are feeling unsafe in our school. There have been a lot of news stories, both local and national, that have left some people feeling uneasy.

What about the inability to use phones in certain parts of the building? There are a lot of dead spots in terms of cell service in the building, and the admin is looking into back up options that could help boost cell service reception in the event of an emergency.