

Centennial Community Council Minutes

These minutes will be voted on for approval at our next meeting

Wednesday, Sept 20, 2017

Present: Kellie Robb, Sara Thatcher, Cindy Jenkins, Marcie Hayes, Cerissa Thompson, Virginia Allred, Jaynalee Peterson, Linda Francis, Rob Madsen, Steve Kemp

- Kellie Robb approved the minutes from May 16, 2017 meeting and Marcie Hayes seconded. Rob Madsen motioned for Linda Francis to continue as secretary for the 2017-2018. Steve Kemp seconded. Marcie Hayes nominated Kellie Robb to serve as vice chair; Steve Kemp seconded. We will send out an email invitation for 3-4 more people to join the community council committee. We would especially like a couple of people from the Kay's Creek area to join us.
- The third Wednesday at 4pm conflicts with the Heritage elementary Community Council meetings, so Steve Kemp motioned to change the time of Centennial's Community Council meetings to the 1st Wednesday of the month. Linda Francis seconded the motion.
- Ms. Thompson reviewed the Community Council's budget for 2017-2018. We have budgeted for the total projected funds of \$158,000, but adjustments may be made when the final amounts come in in October. All money goes to meet three goals. The first is for a schoolwide median growth in math. Costs included a math tutor, personal development time, and math productivity classes for remediation classes. The second goal helps develop collaborative teams through professional development, the establishment of team leaders and extra opportunities in the library. Goal 3 deals with the increase in quality, quantity and participation of students with technology. The bulk of our money is spent on this goal to bring current technology into the additional portable classrooms that we've acquired, to create additional computer labs, and to get professional development to the teachers on best practices. In addition to Trustland Funds, Ms. Thompson is planning to sponsor a fundraiser for ideally three more computer labs. We have a big need this year with an additional 15 teachers, and the difficulty of getting portable labs out to the portables. Our Computer (STS) specialist is doing a great job repairing and keeping running all of our wonderful equipment. We talked about how it is a shame that school budgets don't really receive money for renewal technology. We discussed whether it is better to replace an old lab or create an additional lab. We will continue to monitor this.
- Mrs. Robb gave the counselor report. 7th grade PCCR's have started. They last 30 minutes and focus on study skills, organization and how the transition to junior high is going. These are so valuable and we appreciate the counselors' efforts to continue with these conferences. The counselors are looking for parent volunteers to help with our October 24th activity in the 8th grade

classes. The counselors have also chosen as their data project for the year to look at Sage scores before and after Math lab. Six teachers are doing math lab. This is related to school goal #1, and hopefully they can generate some helpful information that will help us continue to improve students' math skills.

- Briefly during Q&A we discussed whether emails like the Thunderbolt will be continued this year. It is Ms. Thompson's plan to get that out. There has been some delay as they get donor information ready for that. Overcrowding and the students having limited access to the halls during lunch was discussed. Teachers felt that a lot of mess and noise occurred during lunchtime, and that is why changes were made. This topic will need addressed again when students can't go outside during lunch. There might be a switch to three lunches. They will continue to monitor this. Teachers who monitor the halls during their lunch volunteered and are compensated. Finally we discussed the new model for Flex time. This was led by teachers who wanted students to be held more accountable. Students primarily remain in their assigned classroom to work on homework or read. They may be allowed to make up tests or work with other teachers if students make those arrangements ahead of time. A signed pass from the teacher they will be working with will be given to their flex time teacher. Students will be graded on a pass/fail basis based on attendance and work ethic.
- Discussion of the recent boundary meetings and what Farmington High School will look like from an academic standpoint. The new high school will be run similar to a junior college. Self-paced, self-choice, flexible curriculum and computer based will be one option for students. Students can also choose a traditional high school path. Ms. Thompson will invite Mr. Swanson, principal of Farmington High to come speak to any interested parents in November, after boundaries are finalized, so that students who will be attending Farmington High can make some informed decisions.
- Steve motioned for the meeting to adjourn at 5:30pm. Marcie seconded the motion. Next meeting, **November 1st at 4:00 pm**

We held an informal Community Council Meeting ON **Monday, September 11, 2017** to discuss the new high school boundaries in preparation for the open Community Council boundary meeting held at Davis High on Monday, September 18. Linda Francis, Steve Kemp, Rob Madsen, Virginia Allred, Mara Hammer, Cindy Jenkins, Marcie Hayes, Cerissa Thompson, Kellie Robb and Michele Duncan attended.

- Our two major concerns continue to be the small pockets of students that go from elementary to Junior High, and Junior High to high school. Ideally, a feeder school could attend 100% but that is very difficult in this district. And Traffic is a huge concern for Centennial parents. When Legacy is built, that will create good options for accessing the high school, but currently there are

none. Does Farmington have a plan for better roads and access? Kaysville knows it needs to do more with Sunset and Angel to help move students impacted by the boundary changes, but they will require significant additional funding.

- Steve Kemp shared his opportunity to spend two weeks doing immersive service down in Delta. He helped bring much needed technology, and bridge the technological divide down in that area. A good reminder that we are very lucky to live in a community with so much access to technology and so many quality schools nearby.

Information from the **Boundary Study Meeting** with Community Councils held on **Monday September 18, 2017**

- October 25 and 26 will be Boundary Open Houses for the Community in our area. PLEASE ATTEND!! The committee members are so good to take input, to explain and to consider thoughtful, organized input. November 8th will be the public hearing on the adjusted boundaries and November 21st will be the first reading. December 5 will be the final board meeting when final boundaries will be approved. Not much will change after November 21. Attend those meetings and give input.
- The goal has always been to keep neighborhoods intact, send neighborhoods in proximity to Farmington high School there, and to keep in mind school feeder patterns.
- One area of most concern were the Columbia elementary school area. The elementary already splits to two junior highs, and now will be split to two high schools.
- There are no safe areas. There will be students going to Davis that are much closer to Layton High, and students going to Farmington that are much closer to Davis. Sadly, there are also students going to Viewmont that are closer to Farmington High. It is unfortunate that the high schools cannot be in the middle of their boundaries, but our growth is so significant that all schools need their numbers reduced, and so boundaries have to be shifted.
- There are families in the Mutton Hollow area who were moved to Layton a few years ago, and are staying at Layton but wish they could be moved back. They are concerned because the French immersion is not at Layton High. Families in the Hess Farms area are going to Farmington High School and upset that they live only a couple of minutes from Davis. They are well-organized and angry.
- Bus costs will not really change, and might actually be less with the new boundaries as they are.
- All five northern high schools will be overcrowded in five years. Boundary shifts will likely take place again then. These are good people trying to do their best.
- There was no time for junior high community councils to really address concerns. The High School's committee was well organized and attempted to

speaking well to the concerns of the different areas. Again, they invite parents to send emails to the boundary committee, and to attend the open houses.