

Centennial Community Council Minutes

Wednesday, November 9, 2016

Present: Virginia Allred, Cindy Jenkins, Wendy Barlow, Kathryn Mckenzie, Tanya Bird, Marcie Hayes, Linda Francis, Kellie Robb, Aaron Hogge,, Lorrie Barber

- We were fortunate to have our new superintendent Reid Newey and school board member Julie Tanner visit our meeting. It was great to get to know them better. They are pleased with how Centennial is trying to create a wonderful learning atmosphere, and we shared a bit about our unique Thursday / Friday schedule and intervention program. They both shared the value of community councils, which Ms. Tanner referred to as “mini school boards. Mr. Newey reminded us that a counsels role is to invest in “always people, never programs.”
- First term was great for Centennial students. 1100 reached at least a 3.5 GPA. Of 9967 grades given, only 63 were failing grades. 18 students have U's in citizenship. Teachers push the kids to learn and get above the C level. Mandatory intervention is provided for students whose current grades are at a C- level or below. We have hired a resource TA, and we work with students who fail their classes, so they can have credit restored (although the F remains on their transcript). 96% of students leave Centennial on track to graduation. Students usually work with our school program to restore credit, but Davis Online is another source for make-up credit, as are the Northridge packets for \$45.
- School size is a concern because it feels like the district underestimates the growth in certain areas of the district. Next year we will be up to around 1520 students. Fall of 2018 is the opening of the new high school in Farmington, and Fall of 2019 a new junior high will open in Layton, west of Heritage elementary which will help our crowding. Next year is a concern because new portables will not be available for our school. Mr. Hogge is looking for classrooms to put new teachers in next year, and has some ideas for that. He also remains committed to keeping just two lunch periods, because a split class time is not idea for students or teachers. So far, students seem able to get through the lunch lines in about 11 minutes, and they sit in various places. It's going okay so far.
- Safe walking routes is a big concern. Parents were going to share concerns with the Kaysville City council on November 17, and request a crossing guard on Smith Lane. Parents have noted that at least 75 kids are walking down Sunset each day, and there is also a big concern about the safety on the Old Mill crossing. It would be nice to have a 4 way stop on Western and Sunset. There are several locations where 2 way stop signs seem to add to the danger.
- Mrs. Robb reported that they just finished their PCCR meetings with the 7th grade students. Off the 550 7th graders, only three had parents who couldn't attend. That is amazing! We are about the only school left that continues to

do PCCR's with all three grades, and it is a huge amount of work for the counselors, but we are so appreciative of their efforts and feel like it really benefits the students. They are doing 8th grade appointments right now.

- The counselors have been searching for a test that can be given to replace the ACT explore test which is no longer available. The district is considering replacing SAGE testing in grades 9-12 with an ACT aspire test that would provide more in depth information on careers and interests as well as preparation for taking the ACT. We hope there will be some communication and training for teachers so they can implement this smoothly.
- Computer technology is being phased out as a requirement for graduation and it will be replaced with several digital media offerings. For next year, Centennial will not be offering computer technology, and unfortunately for now, there will be nothing for 9th graders to take in that regard and they will have to fulfill that requirement in high school when the new offerings are actually out. More information on this at a later time.
- We have received some additional money of \$9171 for the Trustland Budget. This is wonderful money that helps student education. We've used about \$62,000 of this year's budget towards technology needs, and have about \$49,000 left.
- Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 8, 2017.