

School Community Council Minutes - September 10, 2013

Training Video

Interest and Dividends from Trust Lands is what we get as funds to use for each school in Utah.

Schedule of the meeting must be posted before the meetings.

The test scores from our school will help us decide how to use the trust funds.

School Improvement Plan is made to help the students improve in academics, safety, climate and behavior.

School Land Trust plan should be put together by our Counsel. We should choose the very best plan to improve the academic achievements at our school. If the plan that is already in place is working, we can continue on with it. We need to be sure all parts of the plan are academic.

SchoolLandtrust.org is the site to go to for information, we can submit a plan there, with a budget, after approval from our council.

Some steps to follow...

Study Data

Select Academic Areas of Focus

Create School Improvement Plan

Create School Land Trust Plan

Create the Other Plans

Measure progress

It was suggested that we post a meeting schedule on the front door, and reference that the agenda can be seen on the website.

Trust Land Grant with goals handout... Pleasant Grove High School improves number of graduates by 1% every year. 92% graduation for Pleasant Grove High is at the top of the scale in Utah. Utah average is in the 70%.

Grading and Testing... This year there is a new CRT (Criterion Reference Test). In Math, Science and Language Arts, if you keep answering correctly, the questions will get harder on the computer.

AYP scores are being replaced by UCAS scores, CRT scores, graduation rate, and ACT scores. These will all measure the student's proficiency and progress. Our students show higher levels of improvement.

Accountability Law is giving each school a grade. We received a B, which is very good. Only seven A's were given to High Schools in Utah, about 4%. Utah State Office of Education is where you can find the data. Alpine School District did very well, every High School received a B grade. Charter Schools on College Campuses received A grades.

A Data Specialist is going to present information on the grading scales, and Mark Clements will have information in one of the next meetings to clarify the grading system used.

Lauri - On-line scheduler is working well. Not changing classes for personal reasons like wanting to be in the same class as friends, is helping things run smoother. CCR (College and Career Readiness). Parents can make appointments on-line, and don't have to wait in line to see the counselors.

Any more items for future meetings? Transportation issues? Safe Routes to school?

Mark Clements said the rules don't change often for transportation. Go to Rob Smith at the Pleasant Grove City Offices. Some bus stops have been taken away because there are too many kids on the bus. Under two miles there is no funding for a bus. It is suggested to try going to an Alpine School Board Meeting to get back a bus. Elementary Schools are 1.5 Miles away for bus approval.

A new budget with extra funding will be getting here mid September. Teachers meet on Mondays for collaboration. They report on how they are doing reaching their goals, and with that is attached a bonus between \$400.00-\$600.00. October 1:30-2:30 on Mondays they are doing teacher reviews. Each Monday except Oct. 14. We can send out reminders to attend these in Faculty Room, Conference Room, and Media Center. For eight years they have been doing the reviews. They will put the results on the Website. More Parents need to come and hear the teacher collaboration. We can come each Monday. Sometimes the departments meet at different schools, like the Band meeting with other Bands. Can find out about 30 minutes before where they are being held. We can call the office before hand. It is good to go get an idea where the needs are. The teachers are able zero in on the areas in their department that need attention. If possible, we could put a schedule together and assign out members. It may be possible to e-mail out the assignment, a specific date, time and location.

Approval has been given for a Field House, with an axillary gym that will hold everyone, a new wrestling room, and a dance room, so kids don't have to walk to the Recreation Building. We hope to be involved in planning it. We should invite the District to come hear our input. We might need to push for more money, because there isn't enough yet for what we want. We will have a field trip to see other schools, and send out a concept plan. David Holdaway can head this up. He is willing to coach us on what to do. The old High School Building is going to be rebuilt in stages. Bonds have to be voted on before that happens. We have to know what we want before Thanksgiving.

Tuesday, Oct. 8, at our next meeting, we should start at 10:00 am and go see some other schools. West Lake High School should be on our list of schools to see, it is amazing. School Board Member, Brian Halladay is going to be the representative for our school. Tim will invite Brian Halladay to visit with us. Those who use the facility should be involved in planning the new facility. Brock should come with us and tell us about their needs. Dance teachers, and other coaches should be consulted. Lay out specific needs, show that 300 girls have to walk far to get to dance... etc. Alpine school district is very conservative with their buildings. Codes need to be followed. Older parts of Pleasant Grove High school's building are not respected as much by the students. The kids need to be proud of their school. The culture of the school, and pride in it are a part of the school..