

Water Canyon School

Community Council Meeting Minutes

December 7th, 2020

In Attendance: Chris Barrett (Elementary School Principal), Steve Showalter (High School Principal), Lee Finlinson (Title I Coordinator), Theil Cooke, (Parent Member), Jamie Valenzuela (Parent Member), Megan Gatlin (School Counselor), Daisy Cooke (Parent Member), Roxanne Barlow (Parent Member), Maha Layton (School Member)

Absent: Wendee Wilkinson (School Member), Roxanne Barlow (Parent Member)

- Jamie welcomed everyone to the meeting at 10:05 a.m.
- Mrs. Gatlin shared information concerning school counseling. She has been focusing on putting first things first. She has issued a kindness log with elementary students. She along with outside sources is helping arrange support with Christmas for needy families. Chris asked how our Wellness Room is going? Megan explained it is slowing down a bit which is to be expected..However, it is still a very positive thing at the school. Jamie mentioned that her child has really benefited from the Wellness Room. Maha expressed appreciation for what Megan does in the classroom.
- Lee reviewed the current state for funding. The current 2020-2021 plan includes the following funded items: school counselor, art teacher, wellness room para/materials, University of Utah partnership, and an overage from the previous year. Chris further explained the school counselor usage and the reason to continue funding this effort.
- Amendment proposals for the University of Utah. Chris explained that we currently have \$7,500 not being used from the University of Utah Reading Clinic. Maha asked for feedback and growth data concerning this program. Chris talked about it only serving only 10 students opposed to the whole school population. Chris explained that he believes it is an effective service. However, with the price going up that is something the counsel would need to consider. Maha explained that the high school students need this support. Jamie asked if the gift of three students would cover the price jump? Chris said that continuing this support is still possible and is something we can continue. Steve knows that some students who could benefit from the high school side. Steve thinks this would be a worthwhile endeavor for the high school. Chris proposed a motion of approval. Vote was taken and approved to move forward with this program.
- Brainstorming the upcoming funding for the 2021-2020 school year. Jamie explained some confusion about where the money comes from and where to put money. Funding from State Trustland actually pays for employees. Jamie expressed the use of the training link in the agenda. Chris asked Lee to send a checklist of approvable funds. Jamie wanted to add and express a need in the Kindergarten classroom. Jamie mentioned that it is a lot for one teacher. Extra support would be helpful in Kindergarten. Maha asked what the funding range we are currently looking at? Chris explained the

available funding for next year. Maha really likes the idea of a dance/music program with instruments. Daisy agrees with supporting self expression and the music program. Chris explained options to include this into the school day. Jamie shared from Audrey why we can't support sports funds? Chris and Steve explained that sports is not an appropriate expenditure of funds. Steve explained that he is not concerned having appropriate funding for sports. Steve expressed the desire to include intramural athletics for 6th-8th grade students. Steve mentioned how athletics are a big reason why students come to school. Megan asked how the music program for the high school works? Steve explained how they have everything needed to continue their program. High school offers band and maybe orchestra in the future.

- The next meeting is February 22nd, 2021. Chris explained sending out a form concerning possible funding ideas to be finalized at our next meeting.
- Meeting closed at 10:48 a.m. by Jamie.