

Water Canyon School

Community Council Meeting Minutes

February 8th, 2021

In Attendance: Chris Barrett (Elementary School Principal), Brad Jolley (Elementary School Principal 2021 2022), Steve Showalter (High School Principal), Lee Finlinson (Title I Coordinator), Theil Cooke (Parent Member), Jamie Valenzuela (Parent Member), Megan Gatlin (School Counselor), Maha Layton (School Member),

Absent: Daisy Cooke, Roxanne Barlow, Audrey Pledger

- Jamie welcomed everyone to the meeting at 10:03 a.m.
- Megan shared information concerning donations for the school from outside sources. Wellness Room has a teacher challenge going on right now. We are trying to incentivize teachers to send their students. The high school has a goal to open a Wellness Room for next school year. Chris explained that the Wellness Room has currently been a big plus at the school.
- Chris explained the use of our current plan. .1 FTE for Art teacher. .3 FTE for school counselor. Para was also funded. Three categories where we have unused funds are the following: U of U allotment has approximately \$4,800. Supplies \$4,600 surplus. \$5,200 for professional development. \$14,000 worth of funds need to be spent for this year.
- Chris explained the new council arrangement. We will have one council splitting funds based on per student enrollment.
- Lee explained the MOY data. We have increased in students proficient by 4% as a school. 64% of students have made typical and above growth.
- Jamie explained that Adrey Pledger inquired about dama in the schools. Jamie explained the importance of reading in the school. Jamie asked why can't high school students help in the elementary school to volunteer? Steve said that it could be a possibility to have students coming if we decided to go in that direction. Brad asked if tutoring in the elementary could work as an internship into elementary education. Steve mentioned that the high school would be open to that structure.
- Chris excused Megan at 10:25 a.m.
- Chris mentioned funding .3 FTE for the school counselor. Steve asked if we would still have .1 FTE for the Art? Chris stated that he believes that we have funding and would look to other sources to fund the Art teacher. Maha asked if elementary gets NESS funding? Chris answered that the high school doesn't not. High school is projected to get a little more NESS funding explained by Steve. The new high school will hopefully draw more students next school year. Maha explained the Utah/Arizona agreement as far as WPU for students. Maha asked if there is any other possible place to fund the school counselor and expand performing arts? Chis mentioned that we could but it is a matter of balancing funds. Chris explained that after school programs struggle with attendance.

Maha and Theil mentioned that we have an employee who does string instrument teaching experience. Steve mentioned that Nicole Barlow is concerned about enrollment in her class. Mindy is concerned about communication from parents to students. Brad mentioned that Three Falls does a before school program for music. Brad asked if we have reached out to Dixie State. Mrs. Lytle's focus in robotics could reach the whole school population (K-6).

- High school would like to fund the Achieve 3000 for next year according to Steve. Data is easier to track with this program. Professional development for the high school is a suggestion for high school. Collaboration with other teachers who teach the same subject. Steve would like to pay for singleton teachers to collaborate with other teachers from other schools. Share the performing arts program to help sustain students in the program. Jamie would like more communication from the school. Maybe the school should send surveys out to the community to gauge needs and desires. Mindy expressed more information on phone calls home. Theil asked if a dollar amount was enough to start a program? Steve explained the school it depends on what we want the program to look like. Theil mentioned from his professional experience that 80%-90% students need social emotional needs of this community. He expressed the importance of not pulling the school counselor out of the school.
- Vote to approve the priorities
 - High school propose Achieve 3000 \$16,000
 - Professional development is \$5,700
 - High school contributes \$5,000 plus any overage to the Performing Arts funds and continues to possibly work with Nicole Barlow.
 - Chris proposed approval of the funds. Maha seconded the motion
 - Maha proposed \$9,000 to .1 FTE and \$15,000 to Performing Arts Program. Mindy seconds the motion.
 - Theil polls the need to keep the .3 FTE counselor \$24,000. Any overage goes to the Performing Arts Program.
 - Chris votes for the .3 FTE for the counselor. Steve votes for the .3 FTE for the counselor. Jamie votes on the counselor but would like to see something happen with the Performing Arts.
- The council voted and approved the following funding action items for the 2021-2022 school year:
 - Achieve 3000 (\$16,000), Professional Development for the high school (\$5,700), Performing Arts program funding and any overage (5,000), .3 FTE to fund an elementary school counselor (\$24,000)
- Chris mentioned a need to write an amendment to the funds for this year. An email will be sent soon. We can do this electronically agreed by all members present.
- Meeting was adjourned at 11:57