

Water Canyon Community Council Mtg. Minutes
Augusts 30, 2021
10:00 am-Water Canyon Elementary School Library

Attendees

Members: Brad Jolley (Elementary Principal), Brandon Jensen (Elementary Title I Site Coordinator), Steve Showalter (High School Principal), Launa Williams (High School Vice Principal),
School Staff Visitors: Becky McNeil (High School Counselor)
Non-Council Parent Attendees: Misty Nicol, Jerusha Darger, Sarah Henderson, Lisa Jeffs

Welcome and Introductions:

Mr. Jolley welcomed all to the meeting at 10:05 am.

Nominations of Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary:

Nominations were postponed until the next meeting as there were not voting members of the council in attendance.

Explanation of seats/elections:

Mr. Jensen explained the different positions of chair, vice-chair and secretary. He also explained the roles and responsibilities of the School Community Council. He explained that the council helped decide how Trustland Funds were spent and help to be a voice for the school and the community.

Review and Revise Rules of Order, Procedures and Norms:

Mr. Jensen provided a handout regarding the rules of order, procedures and norms. We will review these when the committee meets again and the council is fully formed.

Watch Training Video:

This will be viewed when the whole council is formed.

School Community Council Training and Handouts

Mr. Jensen discussed that the Utah State Board of Education website has various training videos on its page and is available for all to look at.

Schedule Future Meetings

It was discussed that Mondays would be the best day to hold meetings and that if needed to be changed later we could. The Community Council will meet on the following dates:

September 27, 2021-Council Appts and Amendments (**This date was added to ensure that all council positions were filled and Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary were assigned prior to the October 1st Deadline.**)

October 11, 2021

December 6, 2021

February 7, 2022

April 4, 2022

Current School Plans

Mr. Showalter discussed the current plan at the high school. He discussed that there is a need for professional development and helping teachers improve their craft. He also discussed the need to look at amending the current plan as the district funded the reading program that was originally going to be purchased using School Trust Land funds.

Mr. Jolley discussed the current plan at the elementary school. He discussed that one of the needs our students have is help with their Social, and Emotional Learning. He explained that because of this the majority of the Trustland Funds would be spent purchasing a full day counselor. Approx. 1/3 of her salary would be used to fund this position. He explained that our previous counselor moved just before school started but we had hired and will soon have a new school counselor.

Upcoming Events at WCES and at WCHS

Mr. Showalter explained that most of their events are announced using their weekly school Newsletter.

Mr. Jolley and Mr. Jensen talked about the upcoming P.I.E (Parents in Education) nights on Sept. 8th and 9th. They explained that these would be done instead of parent teacher conferences. They explained that it will be an opportunity for parents to find out ways to be involved and helpful in their child's education.

High School Funding Changes/Amendment

Mr. Showalter explained the need to amend the current plan due to the district purchasing a reading program that had been previously designated to be purchased by the School Trust Land funds. This amendment will be proposed and voted on at the next community council meeting.

Other:

Mrs. Williams asked parents in attendance, what can the schools do to encourage more parental involvement in the school system.

One parent suggested the idea of building a culture that has an expectation of parents being in the classroom and volunteering. Also encourage teachers to find ways to involve parents in the classroom.

Mr. Jolley discussed letting us know of people and we can reach out to them and invite them to participate.

Mrs. McNeil explained that as counselors, they would like to be involved in the Community Council. They will present Data from the Counseling Services during the October Meeting.

The Meeting was Adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Meeting Notes were drafted by Mr. Jensen