

American Fork Jr. High School Community Council

Meeting Minutes

January 6, 2017

(7:00 am – AFJH Conference Room)

1. Welcome – Kim Conant(Lisa Birkeland is sick)

Attending: Cameron Duckworth, Carol May, Grant Cotterell, Jeff Schoonover, Paige Olson, Lisa Preece, Kirk Johnson, Amber Rawlings, Kara Sherman, Kim Conant

2. Approve Minutes from November Community Council Meeting

Reviewed the minutes and there were no changes recommended, but due to a lack of quorum(not enough parents present) we did not approve the minutes, we will seek to do so at the Feb 2017 meeting for both November and January minutes.

3. Items from Public

ALL testing is in Jan - Mr. Smith's health concerns in the ALL department were also discussed.

4. Collaborative Incentive Presentations March 6

Plan to be in attendance - likely lunch/afternoon. More details to follow at later meetings, but put it on the calendar for all parents present.

5. Review and Discuss Data and Academic Needs of American Fork Junior High – Administration and Hayley Fugal

Reviewed SAGE results we discussed last meeting, then heard from Hayley Fugal about how the English dept plans to improve writing skills. They are asking for funding for the following possible options - sub day once a term next year for teachers to grade a common assessment for all students - teachers would then implement new lesson plans once deficiencies or strengths were identified as a team. Another possible funding option is to fund MyAccess to be used for all three grades and shared with science, health, history depts as well as English. This would help improve writing and streamline writing instruction throughout disciplines. Another possible funding option is to fund the purchase of wipe boards for each English class for them to help with instruction in writing, sentence diagramming, etc.

We reviewed a possible budget request for an FTE who will be a certified teacher for Guided Studies. This would replace several aide positions. We discussed that this would only be for one year and discussed concerns about becoming a funding source for an FTE. The school will be looking at other funding possibilities beyond the year mark.

6. Items from Counseling – Carol May

They are holding “new student lunches” for new students who move into the school. This is a great way to help the new students transition. Dept meeting with each of the departments will be held soon to set up the master schedule. Crisis training is being provided to the counseling dept staff. 8th grade CCR appointments will begin Feb 1 - notice will be given through the english classes to have parents schedule the appointments. The counseling dept was reviewed in Nov and passed review.

7. Items from Principal

Discussed where charity game funds were donated. Encouragement to share some of these donation stories with the students who donated money was given.

8. Calendar – Next Community Council Meeting February 3, 2017 at
7:00 am

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Paige Olson, 2nd by Lisa Preece - vote unanimous