

# Lakeridge Community Council

April 19, 2016

In attendance: Edy Buss, LaNell Brown, Becky Caldwell, Lynette Keele, Jenna Wood, Roger Harrison, Randy Evans, Rochelle Anderson, Ryan Rocque, Kathi Strong, Kathy Knudsen, Kevin Rich, Elena Felix, Cretia Tinsley, Lynn Eystone

Welcome/Norms/Minutes were motioned, seconded, and approved by council.

## Committee Breakouts and Reports:

Public Relations – UVU Dept. of Languages will not be able to help translate Student Handbook this year because of the time. We will ask for their help during the next school year, for the future handbook. We will also contact our UVU partners (working with Admin) for the same. Jr. LIA has volunteered to translate and help as needed. We are working on getting our FAQ's sheet translated into Spanish; we will ask Jr. LIA to do this, with Hannah Taylor editing. Back to School Night and registration were discussed regarding how we can communicate better with parents, and make both run more smoothly.

School Culture – Planning 4 different lessons that will be presented at the beginning of year about School Culture. We will remind them throughout the year with different types of reminders (video clips, messages from Student Council, etc.). This is in regard to the survey that was given to students this year. Get a school chant about having pride in the school, which can be chanted when student body meets.

Academic Development - #1 priority is Math, 2<sup>nd</sup> priority is SpEd. Teachers need to collaborate with SpEd students in mind. We cannot allow students to leave Lakeridge not being able to read. We need to support SpEd in any way we can.

## Department Reports:

CTE – Rachel Gonzalez: Reported on the changes of CTE (from TLC to CCA). Tech classes are top classes in the State, according to State tests. Clothing and Foods classes are doing well on state tests also. Computer Tech, keyboarding, and CCA classes are all doing well. Our teachers are very involved with district, state, and national committees for CTE. All CTE teachers are trained to teach each subject (topic).

Fine Arts – Betty Lou Hunter: This department's focus is all the same, yet they are singletons (they each teach a unique subject). Teachers collaborate with district teachers mostly, which are all very strong collaborators. Band all received Superior Ratings at their festivals. Orchestra also rec'd Superior ratings, and won 'Orem's Got Talent.' Choir also received top ratings at their festivals. Students in Art deserve to be recognized. Their goal is to help these students' talents get recognized. Some of these students excel in Fine Arts, and not any other classes; this is why they need to be recognized, and continue to receive these opportunities. Our Fine Arts Teachers are very dedicated and wonderful teachers, who love the students.

History – Blake Longmore: Focus as a department has been with students using their knowledge to help in all subjects – English, etc. The idea of America project is looking at 8 values that Americans have (law vs. ethics, etc.); our History Department is introducing this program to students. Historical Literacy skills are a priority to the department. 9<sup>th</sup> graders have been doing video chats with Syrian refugees (those who choose). They also have online/video chats with students from Qatar, Japan, and Korea. AP History textbooks, maps, and other materials are at least 10 years old.

Principal's Report:

School Improvement Plan will not change too much from the current year to next year. Specific amounts are not available at this time, but will be emailed out to each Council member. Each department create their own plan. Core area goals are all in good shape; departments are fine tuning each goal. All departments are after quality instruction in every classroom every day. We believe in continual improvement and leadership development.

Kevin Rich reported that English test scores are above all expectations, even above the grid.

New teachers this coming year: Jessica Eggleston (Math), Lauren Whitfield (Math), new English (Bond), new Spanish (Lloyd), new Math (Welsh).

**Next Meeting May 17, 2016**