North Cache School Community Council Meeting February 21, 2017 2:45 pm North Cache Media Center

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Attending: Terry Williams, Jake Hall, Jill Baker, Teri Rhodes, Vanessa Alder, Jennifer Beach,

Becky Neilson and Stephanie Swainston

Not Attending: Mike Peterson, Wendee Radmall and Carmen Sorenson

A motion was made by Becky Nielson to approve the minutes from the January meeting. The motion was seconded by Vanessa Alder and approved.

- !. The North Cache Counselors report will be moved to April's meeting.
- 2. Terry Williams gave an update on Professional Development Day that occurred on February 17th. The new faculty and faculty that is staying at North Cache met. Next year 3 schools are merging to become North Cache 7-8 center. The staff played volleyball as a get to know you activity for the first hour. It was fun and everyone participated. The next activity was building a new mission statement. They were put in groups based on the school they currently teach at, North Cache, White Pine and Cedar Ridge. The groups then took the mission statement of the school and retooled it. Then they got together in a big group and put all three mission statements together. The mission statement is still being edited. The next item was to work out what remediation would look like for the next year. The idea was to take the best of all three schools and meld them together. The discussion included what time of the day is best, how to make it incentive based, how to make the best use of time for students. Some concerns included number of students in a class, how to get students the help they need, what rewards would look like and how to use grades and citizenship for incentives. It was also discussed how AMP aides could assist. Terry also gave out teaching and room assignments. It was well received. Most people will be teaching similar subjects. The school will have 1,050 students and 42 teachers. The new teachers toured the school and listed their needs. Technology will be moving with the teachers from their old schools. The last part of the was used for department meetings. Common assessments were discussed. As a whole it was a very productive day.
- 3. Jill Baker gave an explanation of the AMP program. The program is designed around homeroom. There are 4 classes, three 9th and one 8th grade. In those classes there are additional adults, mentors, that assist the teacher in helping students improve grades. Each week data is gathered including attendance, zeros, gpa and number of Fs. The mentors also attend classes during the school day, so they can better help students. The program also continues into lunch. Many non-AMP students use the aides to assist with homework. During lunches there can be upwards of 20 students receiving help in the ISP room.

- 4. North Cache Reconfiguration is going well. The mascot is officially the bulldog. The colors will be maroon and white. The activities on professional development day were also part of the process. Mrs. Walker will be in charge of the intramurals next year. She has applied for a grant and will most likely receive it. The idea is to have more individual sports and activities and be less competitive. They will happen during lunch and her prep will be 4th hour, so she can prep for both lunches.
- 5. Terry Williams is still creating the Trust Land Plan for next year. It will be ready to discuss at next month's meeting. Terry reviewed last year's plan and SAGE data. Language Arts has been low, so more money will be focused there. The school improvement plan includes all teachers giving a writing assignment. Terry has each teacher's assignment and examples of student work. The assignment is valid when it content based. Utah Compose can be used by any teacher as a way to give feedback to students. Terry is writing the plan by identifying targets for student's scores. Teri Rhodes gave a quick update on a bill in the House regarding how schools are graded. The bill changes it from a letter grade to a rating. SAGE testing is being replaced at the high school level and instead they will use the ACT. Utah SAGE questions are used by other states. The questions are so well written and developed that other states pay to use them.
- 6. Jennifer Beach proposed next month's meeting be moved to March 21st. The motion was seconded by Jake Hall and approved.
- 7. Today was an interesting day at North Cache because of an incident that occurred last week. There was an emergency faculty meeting Tuesday morning. A letter from the district was read and a statement was given to each teacher to read to their first hour class. The counseling department had extra staff on hand to help any student. It was also stressed that no media would be allowed on campus. The day went better than expected.

The Trust Lands Plan for North Cache is on the North Cache website.

The motion to adjourn the meeting was placed and approved

Next meeting has been scheduled for March 21st at 2:45 p.m.