

Minutes for School Community Council meeting dated 04/09/2015.

Attendees: Melinda Lee, Carmen Sorenson, Kaleena Pusateri, Stephanie Swainston, Max Jones, Mindee Hoopes, Becky Neilson, Terri Rhodes, and Bill Chandler.

Minutes from our previous meeting were reviewed and approved unanimously.

We had a discussion about the Adult Mentor Program (AMP). Max showed us data he has collected on past and present AMP students. We were able to look at the data of some students who have shown academic improvement between their 8th and 9th grade year and between their 9th and 10th grade year. Many of the past students are doing well at Sky View and are receiving the correct number of credits to be on track for graduation. We discussed the importance of the adult aides for so many of our students here at North Cache. The confidence that many of our AMP students gain as they have little successes is priceless in improving their academic future. These successes and subsequent confidence is due to the help and support of these aides.

We will receive more school trust land funds for next year, and are hoping to use that additional money to hire more aides and create another AMP homeroom. This would mean two 8th grade sections, and 3 9th grade sections.

A students talked to Principal Thompson about getting North Cache involved with Fight the New Drug, a program that fights pornography. Principal Thompson is hoping to do some research on how other schools in the area are getting involved with this program. Once he has some ideas on how other schools use it, he will make a plan and present it to the school board. In the meantime, Terri Rhodes will talk to the school board about it.

The School Improving Plan goals for 2014-2015 were discussed. One goal is a 95% pass rate in math. The pass rate is currently about 94% in both grades, so we are just about there. This is due to the support through AMP, team taught classes, and the ALEKS intervention course. The other goal is improvements on the SAGE end of level tests. We have some science scores, and see a 3% increase. We will have language art scores in May.

Mr. Jones presented the goals for next year for approval. The goals are: 1. Increase student's writing by implementing writing skills and practices in other classes, 2. Increase pass rate in math by 2%, and 3. Increase proficiency level by 5% on Sage tests. The goals were approved unanimously. To reach goal 1, two language arts teachers have agreed to provide professional development for other teachers. For goal 2, we will continue providing support through AMP, the team taught classes, and an intervention course for students who need extra help. These efforts should lead to achieving goal 3.

Planning for College and Career Readiness meetings are completed with the 9th graders and almost completed with the 8th graders.

We reviewed the 2014-2015 School Trust Lands budget. The 2015-2016 budget will be discussed at our next meeting.

The motion to adjourn the meeting was placed and approved.

Next meeting is scheduled for May 14, 2015.