

Dixie Sun Elementary
Community Council Meeting
3/29/2012

Attendance: Dale Porter, Jill Hunt, Jennifer Paystrup, Jerry Olson, Desiree Mortenson, Jason Godfrey, Isabel Lopez, David Woolf, Kara Wheeler, Evelyn Porras, Shelly Reynolds

Announcement: Mr. Porter announced to the council that he will be retiring at the end of the year. The school board will make a decision on how to proceed with new principal decision at their next board meeting on April 9th.

- Uniforms. State code 53-15-1103 regarding school uniforms reads as follows:

(3) (a) A local school board or principal is required to hold an election to consider adoption of a school uniform policy for an entire school district or an individual school if initiative petitions are presented as follows:

- (i) for a school district, a petition signed by a parent or guardian of 20% of the district's students presented to the local school board; and
- (ii) for an individual school, a petition signed by a parent or guardian of 20% of the school's students presented to the principal.

(b) The public hearing and election procedures required in Subsection (2) apply to Subsection (3).

(4) (a) The procedures set forth in Subsections (3) and (4) shall apply to the discontinuance or modification of a school uniform policy adopted under this section.

(b) A vote to discontinue an adopted school uniform policy may not take place during the first year of its operation.

(5) The adopting authority shall establish the manner and time of an election required under this section.

The previous decision the council made was discussed. There was some opposition about the decision and it would appear that any modification to the uniform policy requires a petition signed by 20% of the parents and is then subject to a general election. The principal will need to put the changes to a general vote if the petition is signed by 20% of the parents.

The PTA representatives present said, in general parents accepted the changes previously discussed and there were only a couple of parents that seemed opposed to the decision. Mr. Porter brought up the concern of the yellow shirts already in stock. Mrs. Porras inventoried 66 yellow shirts in the uniform store. It was suggested that shirts be used to help families with hardships if shirts are not sold. Mr. Godfrey motioned that the Community Council write a petition with the previous decisions that was made to circulate with the PTA for a vote since it was the PTA that brought the navy blue shirt request originally. All members of the council agreed with the motion with the exception of Mrs. Mortenson who opposed the motion. Mr. Godfrey will type petition and give to PTA to circulate so signatures can be acquired and given to Mr. Porter for a vote.

- School Trustlands Funding for 2012-2013.

The Sorenson funding is changing for the state and the music program has been cut by 40% and music teacher will spend in 4 schools. Each of the 4 schools will need to fund about \$8,000 to have a music teacher and then state will fund the rest. Mr. Porter feels like the music program at our school has made it possible for us to achieve a good dual immersion program. Mr. Porter called with Ferron Holt, who is over the district's fine art coordinator. Mr. Holt informed Mr. Porter that Mrs. Randi Hunt, our music teacher, could stay if the school came up with \$36,000. Mr. Porter also mentioned the possibility of there being a 0.4 Full Time Employee available for next year that could be used to fund Mrs. Hunt. The 0.4 FTE would not be the full amount needed. There were two options placed before the council and was voted by all members of the council with the exception of Mrs. Jill Hunt. Option 1 was to use 0.4 FTE first and then fund the rest of the \$36,000 out of Trustland funds. Option 2 is to use Trustland funds for the \$36,000 needed to fund our music teacher. With any remainder funds, the council voted on setting \$5,000 for exploring other programs or staff development that may be needed and then the rest would be teacher interventions. The music funding will need to be looked at yearly since the funding and future of the program is dependent on what the legislature does each year.

- Legislative changes to Community Councils:
 - o Elections requirements:
 - Next year the elections must be held within the first 30 days of the school year. The administration is responsible to administer elections. Elections must be open for three days.
 - Council member's personal info including e-mail and phone number must be posted.
 - The council must have two or more parent members than school employee members.
 - o Councils may not close meetings – they must be public.
 - o The chair is responsible to see that all members receive annual training.
 - o Minutes and agendas must be posted on the school website.
 - o Minutes must be kept for three years. Miss Lopez will check with Ms. Townsend to see if other years are up on the website.
 - o School LAND Trust Plan report to parents is due by November 15th.
 - o Rules of orders must be adopted. The council decided to use Roberts's rule of motion when acting on a motion.
- Plans for dual-immersion in 6th grade.
 - Marybeth Fuller was asked to look at DI in the secondary level. She created a flow chart to show what it could look like in our district. This is a big step for our district. We need to keep contact with Richard Homes to keep pushing the program into 6th grade. Mr. Porter mentioned that Hurricane Intermediate or Middle is looking at starting a DI program at their school.
- Future designation of school.
 - This item will be put on hold until new principal and district changes are put in place.
- Other items
 - Mr. Porter informed that there will be cross walk placed around Dixie Downs for our school.
 - Westminister Committee: They are in the process of getting Dixie College's Foreign Language Department involved in their committee.
 - Chamber of Commerce: Has the Chamber been asked to partner with the school?
 - The state has created a video of the DI programs and can be found on youtube. Utah Dual Immersion Video: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hTG0YFU8vWA>

Next Meeting: May 3, 2012 at 3:45pm