

Dixie Sun Elementary
Community Council Meeting
2/2/2012

Present: Jill Hunt, Jennifer Paystrup, Jerry Olson, Dale Porter, Isabel Lopez, Jason Godfrey

1. Uniforms.

There have been a lot of questions about why we can't add navy blue color as a shirt color in the uniform policy. Navy blue seems easier to find and hides messes more. There is already a lot of navy blue in the policy. If we add a color, there may be too many color, do we want to take one color away? There was a motion that for 2012-2013 we can have 4 colors for the uniform tops and add navy blue as a color and in 2013-2014 the policy will go back to 3 colors and pale yellow will be taken out of the uniform policy. All council members were in favor of adding navy blue and phasing out yellow from the policy. In an attempt to diminish some of the uniform problems the school had been facing, this change will take effect immediately. The council would like to reaffirm that there will be no more addition to the colors of the uniform policy and if there are any future adjustments are needed, the council would like to minimize the number of colors in the policy. With this new change to the policy, and in the effort to phase out yellow, there should be no more ordering of yellow shirts for the uniform store and instead start replacing the color with navy blue. The council would like to give a tribute to the teachers and staff for the implementation of the uniform policy.

2. Reports:

- a. Community Action Committee-There was no one in attendance from the committee.
- b. Jerry Olson – Arrowhead Elementary: Mr. Olson and Mr. Godfrey were able to attend their Community Council Meeting and introduced themselves. They were very welcoming and glad we had reached out and willing to make connections to help the Dual Immersion Program. The day of the meeting was the first day of enrollment into the Chinese program and in half the day they had already enrolled 38 out of 50 students they can have in the program.

Mr. Olson also spoke with Laura Hesson, who mentioned there might be an item on the school board's agenda to talk about long range plan for Dual Immersion in district but he had not been able to confirm that the item was on the agenda for the next meeting.

Mr. Olson and Mr. Godfrey also met with Carole Morris to assess level of support there may be for Dual Immersion programs in the district.

c. Jason Godfrey–

Hurricane Elementary-Mr. Godfrey was able to get the Vice Principal on the phone and talk to him about reaching out. He was polite and listened and said he would pass the message along to the Principal to call back but Mr. Godfrey has not heard back from them.

Sandstone Elementary-Mr. Godfrey and Mr. Porter spoke to them. They have not made the final decision on whether to have a Dual Immersion Program at their school. For this reason, Mr. Porter invited them and is taking a group from this school to an international conference in Texas during the month of February.

d. Jill Hunt – East and Horizon-

East Elementary: Mrs. Hunt spoke with the principal, Mr. Eckman, who said it would not be good idea to talk to their Community Council. Mr. Eckman is in favor of the program but the teachers are not in support of having a Dual Immersion program at the school. As of now, it doesn't seem like they will be having a DI program.

Horizon-Mrs. Hunt was able to contact the principal, Mona Haslem. She was very excited about the contact and right now does not want us to meet with their community council. They are excited about their plans for Dual Immersion in their school and want to be cautious about facing the gap in the program in secondary level. They have been in discussion with their feeder schools and she has a meeting with the state to discuss the program.

Some of the council members have heard that Red Mountain may be interested in having a Dual Immersion program. Mr. Godfrey will call and ask if they are interested in a DI program.

e. Miss. Lopez – State Model for Dual Immersion beyond 5th Grade

Miss Lopez spoke with Ofelia Wade who shared the plans for the Canyons District. The basics of their plan are to spend the same amount of time during the day in the target language, so for our 6th graders would spend half the day in Spanish and the other in English. She said if Lava Ridge can offer a minimum of 2 classes but preferably 3 classes in Spanish, they can receive state funding for the program. Only with this amount of classes, can the state guarantee that the students would be ready for the AP Spanish test in 9th grade. The council feels there may be need for Ofelia Wade or Gregg Roberts to talk with the district and Lava Ridge to help move the program into secondary level.

In regards to the test the district wants to give our students, she asked why and what kind of test? She said there is no need to test these students when they have been in the program for 6 years. Mr. Porter has heard little about the test the district is proposing. However, he said one of the tests they are thinking about is the IPT which is a pass or fail test. The district is saying that if the student does not score fluent with this test they will not be able to take the Spanish Social Studies class. The council does not see the need for this test to become a placement test but maybe as a reference to see

students' language level. Another thing that needs to be considered is that the state has developed proficiency levels for each grade according to ACTFL standards and the students are supposed to be fluent by 6th grade. The district may want to test students from other schools that are interested in Spanish classes for placement but needs to remember that some students may be bilingual they are not bi-literate in the language like students have worked in all academic areas in the target language.

f. Mr. Porter – Lava Ridge Intermediate

Monday was 6th grade registration. None of the students were actually registered for the Spanish Social Studies class. They were registered for a social studies class and the test will determine if they take it in English or Spanish. The students were excited they had registered for the Spanish class not realizing they were not actually enrolled in it until after this test. There are still a lot of questions about the test and this class. Mr. Godfrey is going to set up a meeting with Rex Wilkey to get some questions answered along with who may be our contact for Dual Immersion questions in the district? Another question is if there can be a math class in Spanish? Do they understand the state goal of having the students take the Spanish AP test in 9th grade? How are we going to accomplish the state model for Dual Immersion?

3. Strategy for implementing dual immersion at Lava Ridge

a. Expanding Coalition.

Can Mr. Porter invite board members, like Invite Kelly Blake or Carol Morris to attend the conference in Texas?
Work with Rex Wilkey to move coalition.

b. Making our voices heard.

Can we show Speaking in Tongues video at a district level? Another question for Rex Wilkey.

4. Open House – March 7th

Invite community council members from other schools and parents to continue to build a coalition in support of Dual Immersion.

Learning walk- There will be a learning walk in at our school. This is where other schools come and see what is going on in our school. This will happen during the coming week.

Next Meeting: Feb. 23 at 3:45pm