

Dixie Sun Elementary  
Community Council Meeting  
1/5/2012

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

**Agenda:**

- Report on Parent's Survey of 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Curriculum at Lava Ridge – Mr. Porter
  - Lava Ridge has agreed to provide the 5th graders with a Spanish Social Studies class next year. Mr. Porter conducted a survey of 5th grade parents that would be interested in this class. The results showed that 34 5th graders want to be in class, 8 want to opt in and go to Lava Ridge, 6 said no, and 8 are undecided.
  - With 6<sup>th</sup> grade registration coming up soon, Mrs. Paystrup will follow up with Lava Ridge as a parent and as a Council member about a Spanish class for next year.
  - Mr. Porter will also call and invite Lava Ridge to do 6<sup>th</sup> grade registrations here at Dixie Sun.
  
- New District requirements and their impact on the School – Mr. Porter
  - o Integrated Learning System-This is a computer program that requires participation from all students during the school day.
  - o Prioritization of Upper Grade Teaching Time- Mr. Porter three proposals to be able to fit this program in un the upper grades:
    - Violins are currently one hour a week and it was proposed that it would be moved to the afterschool program where it can be taught at different levels. Possibly have a beginning, intermediate and eventually and advanced class.
    - Currently the students go to PE 40 min once a week. The proposal was to not have a set time once a week but add some PE time to the students recess time in the afternoon.
    - The last proposal was to shorten library time and instead of going to the library for 30 min only go for 15 min.

Looking at the current schedule and the programs at the school the council talked about how these are the only areas that would be changed to help add the necessary time for the new ILS program.

- Subcommittee Reports
  - o Dual Immersion beyond Dixie Sun – Jerry
    - Mr. Olson met and spoke to several contacts including Gregg Roberts and Richard Homes.
    - He was informed that there seems to be a low number of parents that are interesting in continuing the program after Dixie Sun. The survey Mr. Porter took

shows that the majority of parents are interested in continuing the program. The council feels like the parents need to be educated and informed about what is happening so the program can continue after elementary school.

- The state has a 7-12 grade model to continue the dual immersion program but has not including 6<sup>th</sup> grade in that since most schools have K-6 elementary schools. It was said that Canyons District is another district has only goes till 5<sup>th</sup> grade in elementary school. Miss Lopes will talk to Ofelia Wade to see if they have found a way to gap the 6<sup>th</sup> grade into the state model.
  - The Council feels it needs to continue to lobby the cause with the district and community to continue Dual Immersion beyond Dixie Sun. The district has been working with other school that are interested in having a Dual Language Immersion program and the council will start to reach out to them so we can work together. The Council will contact the other Community Councils of these schools to start the process. Arrowhead and Horizon would like to do Chinese DLI, Hurricane Spanish and East and Sandstone are undecided about DLI but thinking about the possibility. Jerry Olson will contact Arrowhead Elementary. Jill Hunt will contact East and Horizon Elementary. Jason Godfrey will contact Hurricane and Sandstone Elementary. Mrs. Mortenson will coordinate with the PTA to get some ambassadors to go to other PTA members and reach out to these schools.
  - To further educate the parents and reach out to other school with DLI programs the council would like to hold another open house, similar to the one the school had last year, to invite members of other schools to see how the program works. Mr. Porter will look at the school calendar and give us a date for the open house with a specific time to hold an informational meeting.
- o Challenging high-potential students – Jill
    - We will wait to see how the ILS program impacts our students to proceed with this item.
  - o Lifting the 36% - Jason
    - We will wait to see how the ILS program impacts our students to proceed with this item.
- Ogden School District's Mission Statement – Jason

Mr. Godfrey will continue to look at the Ogden School District and report some more on this item at our next meeting.

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