

Dixie Sun Elementary  
Community Council Meeting  
2/23/2012

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

Update from last meeting: Uniforms.

At the last community council meeting, 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. A reminder will be given to teachers to enforce the uniform policy as well as a note of appreciation for their efforts in doing so.

1. Ogden School District's Mission Statement

Mr. Godfrey presented a copy of the Ogden School District's Guaranties, Standards, and Attitudes that outlines what performance standards and precepts they are undertaking in order to reach optimal levels of achievement, attendance, graduation rates, enrollment, and student participation. This statement could be used as a model to improve performance at DSE.

2. Follow-up on Status of ILS:

- o Integrated Learning System-This is a computer program that requires participation from all students during the school day.
- o DSE will need a place for another computer lab. It was determined that a lab cannot be put in the library due to fire code restrictions. The portable that houses the Family Support Center is also not technologically capable of housing another lab so DSE will need another portable and may even be given two.
- o ILS will likely launch *next* year. This will enable teachers to adjust better and changes will not take place in the daily schedule until next year.

3. School Trust Lands Funding for Next Year:

Mr. Porter explained that there was a \$25,000 carry over of funds from last year. The State is not going to allow a carry over of Title 1 funds for next year. School Trust Lands monies can be carried over. Title 1 won't allow but a 15% carry over.

- o Monies for music programs are going to be cut progressively due to legislative decisions. Mr. Porter suggested using trust land monies to fund the remaining part of music programs that will not be funded. This will cost a minimum of \$20,000 to fund the music program. Lisa Wishum at the State office manages the federal grant that DSE is up for renewal of next year.
- o The Community Council voted to set aside \$5,000 for the purpose of researching other programs for the school.

4. Uniform Policy Letter:

Jason Godfrey will draft a letter and circulate it to Community Council members for approval. Once approved, council members will sign it and Mr. Porter will send the updated policy out to the parents.

5. Subcommittee Reports:

- o Dual Immersion beyond DSE - An Open House has been scheduled for March 7th from 10AM - 11:30AM. The purpose of the event is to target the school that have parents who are registering for language programs. The Community Council would like the parents and other representatives of the five schools to see "Dual Immersion in action." Jill Hunt will create a flyer to advertise the Open House.
- o Desiree will speak to the PTA about contacting the other PTA presidents in the five schools to reach out to the parents who are interested in language programs and invite them to the Open House. Jason Godfrey will contact Hurricane Elementary, Sandstone Elementary, and Red Mountain Elementary. Jill Hunt will contact Horizon and East Elementary schools.
- o Post-mortem of meeting with the School Board - Jerry Olsen explained that he had been in contact with Gregg Roberts, who heads up the DI programs at the State level. He urged Jerry not to push K-8 dual immersion too heavily and suggested that our council wait a couple of years before pursuing it actively. Miss Lopez suggested that a copy of Roberts' message be forwarded to Ofelia Wade so that dialogue can continue about the state model for Dual Immersion.
- o The following options were discussed at length by the Community Council:
  - a. Pursuing Kindergarten through 6th at Dixie Sun Elementary
  - b. Pursuing a magnet school status for Dixie Sun Elementary
  - c. Pursuing K-8 Dual Immersion at Lava Ridge Elementary
  - d. Pursuing the long term goal of creating an International Language School in the district.

e. Pursuing a charter school status for Dixie Sun Elementary

The Community Council came to a plan to proceed with the Magnet K-8 school. Later on adding the other languages and making it an "International school". Mr. Porter said we could try to request more portables to supply the additional classrooms or also talk about changing school boundaries so that some of our K-1 students could go to the Spanish strands offered there. This would free up some classrooms in the lower grades to add the upper grades as the students move up in grade until we can see about the creation of the "International School".

- o Discussions regarding Challenging high potential students and Lifting the 36% were postponed as decisions regarding the ILS program might address those issues.

Next Meeting: April 5 at 3:45pm