

J.R. Smith Community Council Minutes

Tuesday Jan. 27, 2015

J. R. Smith Library

6:45 -7:45

Attendees: Ryan Brown, Kena Mair, Lynette Schiess, Rena Bucad, EJ Raven, Morgan Murdock, Jason Long.
Visitors: Karl Buchanan, Debbie Jones, Machele Crystal

Conducting EJ Raven chair.

Mr. Raven called the meeting to order and Jason Long approved the minutes and Morgan Murdock seconded it.

Discussion Items

Karl Buchanan was invited to update us on the digital conversion at the elementary level. Wasatch is committed to provide quality education and to be college ready. The first step for preparing elementary schools is piloting 2 classrooms in the district to be the model for helping get the kinks out. We are very lucky to have one of the classes be Ms. Marshall. In the 3 and 4 grade it will be 1 to 1 and the devices will not be taken home. In K-2 it will be 1 to 2. Each classroom will have a smart board in their classroom. Classrooms will be digital friendly. Curriculum will stay the same, but this device will be used as a tool to enhance the teaching. The wireless capacity will be beefed up. The devices will be chose by the teachers and several educators will go to Alabama for additional training. Mr. Brown is setting up training times so that teachers will be more comfortable having the devices in the classroom.

Spanish Speaking Aides

Mr. Long would like to see some Spanish speaking aides in the dual immersion classrooms that speak Spanish to assist the Spanish teachers. Mr. Brown noted that we have Jenny Duke who assists in the classroom. The problem becomes money. Ms. Crystal was invited to share her thoughts of getting Latinos in the classroom. It is difficult to get Spanish speaking parents to volunteer their time as they are working. One solution would be to pay a Spanish speaking aide. Rena Bucad would like to see aides in all classes. She also mentioned power hour like Old Mill, but Mr. Brown said that we have that but we call it intervention. **How we use the aides we currently have will be discussed at the next meeting.**

Elderly Volunteers in the School

Mr. Raven will recruit some elderly people to come in and volunteer to help with lunches to give students positives. Mr. Brown will provide lunch for those volunteers. The kick-off is February 10th. We will monitor and watch to see what other activities they can do to provide positive reinforcements.

Peace House

Betsy Ricks will be teaching the kids about uncomfortable feelings along with Shaking Baby Syndrome and knowing their phone number. Upper grades discuss pornography and how to handle pop-ups on computers among other things. This is a great program that the Peace House provides to our students.

Tardies

Students are liking the Capture the Flag game. It has motivated students to be on time. Only 3 classes have lost their flags, but have earned them back. It is going very well.

Mr. Raven motioned to adjourn, Mr. Brown seconded and meeting was adjourned.

Adjourned at 7:50

Next meeting Feb. 24

