

Agenda

JR Smith Community Council

Community Council

November 10, 2011

10 – 11 a.m.

Attendees: General Public, Ryan Brown, Mary Hall, Amy Tuddenham, Adrienne Clyde, Heidi Taracena, Joanie Low, Jackie Pedersen, Lynette Schiess

Discussion items

1. Review and approve minutes from October meeting.
2. Review JR Smith needs assessment data.
 - a. (Mrs. Schiess will bring data)
3. Review of current plan; discussion of progress implementing it.
4. Reading / Literacy program.
 - a. (Adrienne Clyde)
5. Fill out district email paper work if needed
6. Technology grants / philanthropic efforts

Next Meeting

Thursday, January 12, 2012. JR Smith Conference Room 10 a.m.

J.R. Smith Community Council Meeting minutes for October 13, 2011

Attendees: Ryan Brown, Mary Hall, Amy Tuddenham, Heidi Taracena, Joanie Low, Lynette Schiess
Absent: Adrienne Clyde, Jackie Pedersen

1. Review and Acceptance of last month minutes will be deferred until the November meeting. Mary will email Jackie Pedersen to check on status of September minutes.
2. Review JR Smith progress/assessment data – Mr. Brown, as in accordance with state statute, presented the Community Council with CRT data. He was happy to share that our school passed Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) for the 2010-2011 school year. He shared the 3rd and 4th grade CRT data and showed the council the triangulated data that has been collected so far in all of the grades this year. The triangulated data consists of scores from the fall Dibels test, the Treasures Benchmark test, and a teacher input grade, which in most cases is based on a reading running record.

Mr. Brown also shared the USOE webpage where anyone can go to compare data on schools in Utah. Go to the "public school data gateway" and you can see a school report card on any school in the state.

Mr. Brown said that thanks to our supportive parents and committed teachers, our students are learning and growing at JR Smith Elementary.

3. Utah State Office of Education training for school councils – due to technical difficulties, the 2 videos that we were to watch were unavailable during the meeting. Mr. Brown will email a link to all council members so we can view them on our own.
4. Reading/Literacy program – we will defer this subject until the next meeting when Adrienne Clyde will be in attendance.
5. Discuss opportunities to enhance school communication to parents –
 - a. Teacher to Parent Communication – there is not currently a school policy stating how or how often a teacher communicates with parents. We will bring up this topic at a later date.
 - b. JR Smith Community Council/Facebook page – We are going to put this on hold for now. A proposal would need to be presented to the Superintendent and we would need to figure out who would be the administrator of the page. Is there any advantage to doing a Facebook page over what we currently do on our web page?
6. Email accounts – Mr. Brown reminded us to set up our district email accounts, if we don't already have one, through Carl Buchanan at the district office.
7. Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, November 10, 2011 at 10 am in the JR Smith conference room. All future meetings will be held on the second Thursday of each month.