

Minutes Community Council 1/11/24

I. In attendance:

Josh Powell
Lexie Little
Haylie McQuivey
Trevor Stewart
Chad Castagno
Kylie Shepherd
Tiffany Unsworth
Morgan Wood

II. Agenda Topics

1. Approval of Minutes-

Minutes from last meeting adjusted to say the Trust Lands amendment was approved by the council, but not yet at the District or State Level

Chad Castagno motioned to approve , Kylie Shepherd seconded, all in favor

2. Calendar Items

The Cheer team went to compete at Region for the first time ever and took 3rd Place! They qualified for State, which will occur at UVU on the 25th of January.

SBP Report:

Sub 4 Santa was a big success- The Student Council had fun shopping for students (whose names were kept anonymous from the council). Principal Stewart was able to deliver presents to the families and they were very grateful. The \$4,000 that was raised went toward not only Christmas but will be allocated to needs that occur throughout the year, such as eyeglasses, shoes, hygiene items, or other needs of students. This charity occurs on a consent basis, for families who agree to receiving.

3. Public Comment (None at this time)

4. Counselors Report:

Amber Hooper has been hired and is assisting Chad with his work. She has been a great asset at the school, helping get kids' schedules lined up.

Chad applied to and was approved for a grant that is helping reduce the cost of college tuition.

3 big scholarships are now open for kids.

Opportunity (Formerly Regents Scholarship) and Prime and SC Broadband.

Fafsa night is coming up- Feb 12-14 to help students with this gov't paperwork

The focus on mental health going forward will be a positive approach- there has been some focus on suicide prevention in the past, and so in the spring the Hope Squad will give some positive messages/ invite the students to wear certain colors and participate in positive mental health practices each day during Hope Week.

A recent Assembly, provided gratis by the Shakespearean Festival, was very effective in teaching students to look for Reasons to Live!

5. Discussion:

a. Governor's Cell Phone Policy

The Governor is calling for a conservative approach on what cell phone use (if any) is allowed in classrooms. The School Board has been discussing how to implement this in schools.

Questions posed:

Where do parent and school responsibilities apply?

When should students be allowed to have a phone at school?

Currently, school policy is that students can carry phones, however they are only allowed to get them out/use them if the teacher gives permission.

A teacher can confiscate a phone, and if inappropriate use becomes a pattern, teachers may turn phones over to Mr. Stewart who may hold phones for up to 5 days as a repercussion.

The main question becomes who needs to oversee the use of this technology? How much responsibility must the school take on concerning helping students learn appropriate digital citizenship? Currently the school does offer training in this area to staff and students.

b. Professional Development Day (DIR-S)

There is a new system for lock downs. This technology will allow for call for lock down instantaneously through an app. Different classrooms will be able to report as safe and teachers can call for a lockdown from their classroom. A map will come up on the app and show what areas are safe (if there are any)

Question from Lexie: how does the school respond to threats? How do they discern if it is a spam threat?

Answer: Law enforcement is involved in our area before any school time is canceled. The Superintendent ideally will communicate to the schools and then parents.

c. Parent Teacher Conference

The last conference was a success, as it was by invitation. Those students who were struggling were invited with their parents to come and visits were also made to parents by faculty.

d. 2nd Term Recognition

Traditionally students have been recognized in an assembly. To provide variety this time, students who earned recognition (2 per course) were announced over the intercom, totalling 54 awards. They were brought to the office and given a cookie and allowed to release early. This was a fun switch up.

e. Trophy Case

Faculty is getting involved in carrying this out, as well as professionals (Jones Paint & Glass)

f. School Culture

In Freshman and Sophomore Halls there will be positive messages, and a welcome banner will be in the front.

The staff is open to ideas as to how to uplift the culture.

One idea:

Have honor walls for those who served in the military who attended KHS, or walls that show the history of KHS

Motion to adjourn: Tiffany Unsworth Second Lexie Little