

Longview School Community Council Minutes
Monday, December 14, 2020
3:00 p.m. Zoom

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Those in Attendance: Becky Powell, Elyse Gile, Breanna Jubber, Steven Arellano, Chantel Olsen, Bryan Crown, Kim Ulibarri & Jeannette Bowen

Excused: Becky Te'o and Elyse Gile

- Approve November minutes – Motion to Approve October minute made by Bryan Crown and Seconded by Becky Powell – Votes were all in the Affirmative
- Review current Student Success & School LAND Trust plan – Jeannette Bowen

Ms. Bowen updated the council on mid-year academic testing. She noted it started in mid-December. The state is planning to do end of year testing. All are looking for solutions that take into consideration the challenges associated with COVID.

- Community/Student/Family Needs – Council Members
What are they and what can we do to help?

Various Council members discussed needs they were aware of within the student body. The discussion included:

- Resilience and emotional safety: It was noted that Longview's school counselor was focused on this. Two times per month she was attending each class to address these issues and had a plan for online students.
- Human Trafficking: There are options for parent training on the topic. This is a state focus. Elementary school parents need to know how to watch for signs. Training could be offered to parents who are interested in learning more to help recognize these situations. There are non-profit organizations who will do the training for free. It could be done in the evening, likely a video with a Zoom meeting discussion option. It would need to be in a format that can be only viewed by adults and people would need to ensure kids weren't in the room.
- Suicide Prevention: There are several resources focused on this topic, including those at the Murray School District level. IT would be good to get the tools in the hands of parents and the broader community to help spot signs of potentially suicidal children.

Ms. Olsen was asked to share any insight on Teacher concerns. She noted she didn't have official information from the teachers; however, she had some ideas based on more casual conversations or hallway dialogue. She noted we need a focus to catch students up academically, and teachers are wondering how we up the expectations while still focusing on

catch up. They are also wondering how teachers help students balance emotional needs to address their academic needs.

Council members had a discussion on how more fun could be introduced into the classroom. Ms. Jubber noted programs like the Harry Potter reading competition were very fun and engaged the kids. A question was asked about parent volunteers and it was noted they aren't allowed yet. It was also suggested that the PTA President, Katie Campbell was focused on providing fun opportunities within the classroom.

Mr. Crown asked if funds could be used to bring in another "para" for even more support. This question would be posed to Mrs. Te'o.

Suggestions about possible summer activities for student "catch up" were mentioned. Mr. Crown asked if grants could be used for these or summer activities. He noted he has the name and number for a full grant writer who works at the Utah State 4H program and that resource may be willing to help us out. Ms. Olsen said she'd be interested in working on a grant if that was an option.

It was mentioned there may be a district policy on summer school/activities. This question would be presented to Mrs. Te'o.

- Anything Else? – Ms. Bowen

No other items were discussed.

Becky Powell motioned for our meeting to adjourn and it was seconded by Kim Ulibarri. All voted in the affirmative and the meeting ended at 3:50 p.m.

Next Meeting: Monday, January 11, 2020 at 3:00 p.m. via Zoom

ALL ARE WELCOME AND INVITED TO ATTEND!