

Community Council

Meeting minutes

September 30, 2014

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Mistalyn Leis, principal of Vernal Middle School.

1. Introductions of the new Council: Stephanie Stensgard (not present), Susie Hanberg (not present),

Zinna Murray (not present), Alicia White, Stephanie Gilroy, Tanya Smuin (not present), Teresa Harrison, and Philip Oviatt. Also in attendance were nonvoting members, Tom Howells, Marysa Rhodes and Denise Williams.

2. The Council then viewed a Council training power point (which can be viewed at www.schooltrustland.org). The power point explains the purposes of Community Councils and the laws that govern the school trust land. It also explains the process of organizing a Council. One of the main reasons of the Council is to “make good schools great”. Councils are required by law. The Council prepares, approves and submits the school improvement plan, including how the school will spend Trust Lands grant money to the board.

3. In organizing the Council, a chairperson and co-chair person is nominated and voted on by the members. The term is 2 years. This year the chairperson asked to step down. Duties and expectations of a Chair person and Co- chair were discussed. Mrs. Harrison nominated Stephanie Gilroy as CC Chair person. Alicia White seconded the motion and all agreed. Stephanie Gilroy nominates Alicia White as Co-Chair, Mr. Oviatt seconds the motion and all agrees.

4. Schedule of the meetings:

October 8, 2014 at 5:30 in the office conference room

December 16, 2014 at 5:30 in the office conference room

March 25, 2015 in the office conference room

5. Reconfiguration of the new Middle Schools

Dr. Leis informed the Council , she had requested the team leaders to ask their teams for input on the naming, colors and mascots of the new middle schools. She will take this information to the Principal meeting on Tuesday, October 7, 2014. Mr. Oviatt shared from his team, to name one of the schools Vernal Middle School Raptors and then the teams after different Dinosaurs. Colors black and green. It was also mentioned to name one school Split Mountain Middle School with teams about different landmarks here in the Valley. VJH recommended Uintah Middle School and Vernal Middle School. The

School Board will make the final decision. More information will be coming. This will be a standing agenda item.

The Counselors shared with the Council some of the exciting things they are implementing in the school. They are focusing on Staff and students having a positive and kind behavior. Oct 27 is a professional development day for the teachers and Kim Cazier author of "Be Classy" will be training the Staff . We will be implementing this program in November.

The Counselors just returned from a Suicide Prevention training and will be implementing the "Hope for Utah" program in our school. They will have a Hope Squad, students that are kind, helpful and caring, they will help other students feel better about themselves. They will focus on the good thing and help students to "not keep deadly secrets".

No further business. Mr. Oviatt made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Mrs. Harrison second the motion and all were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 4:20 PM. The next meeting will be Wednesday, Oct. 8, 2014 at 5:30 in the conference room.