Salt Lake Center for Science Education  
1400 W. Goodwin Avenue, SLC  
School Community Council

Agenda: February 13, 2019, 5:00 pm

Welcome and Introductions

Jill Drown, Larry Madden, Lynn Lonardo, Miles Crandall, Laura Hernandez, Smaragda Halilovic, Bonnie Starr, Cavett Eaton

Meeting Dates and Times

* 2nd Wednesday of every month from 5:00-6:00
  + March 13
  + April 10
  + May 8

Approve January Minutes

Lynn motioned to approve minutes. Smaragda seconded.

Discussion of Overnight Trips

No questions at this time. New policy- an administrator must go on any out of state trips. Cavett revised a trip destination and date.

Emergency Preparation Check In

* Number of spaces Cavett and Jill have this info.
* List of the basics Cavett and Jill have this info.
* Report on how the lock down drill went Drill went well. Teachers and staff have been through emergency preparedness. Information is being gathered on substitute teachers’ knowledge of emergency procedures. There are protocols in a flip chart inside each room.
* Other items discussed- “Duress” online program new to district. Allows communication within a school during an emergency situation. All classrooms have big numbers on top corners of both sides of classroom doors for emergency responders.
* Cavett, Bonnie, and Jill are working on the kits project. They would love to have the kits together by the Great Shake Out in April. One student is interested in making this their boy scout project. They would need summer to work on this. There was some discussion on fundraising for costs of items or putting item requests in newsletter. Bonnie will work on individual student kits.
* Door chimes are being put on doors.
* CPR/AED/Stop the bleed is being taught in two weeks.

Open House Report

The open house went well. It seemed well attended. We’ve had about 120 applications which is good. They are mostly for 9th grade which is also good. People seemed to have fun at the event. It was interactive and there were lots of opportunities to talk to prospective students. Next time we’ll have attendees sign in first then take a tour so that we have a more accurate count.

Spring Assessments

* 11th graders only take ACT whether or not they are planning to attend college. They don’t participate in any other state testing. They have had 2-3 practice opportunities. They are doing the optional writing section because some colleges require it.
* We have new tests. SAGE is retired. We now have ACT Aspire for 9th and 10th graders. It is aligned to ACT (old questions from real ACT) and part of it is based on grade level content standards. It is timed. 9th graders will do test over 2 days. 10th graders will complete it in one day to give them an experience similar to the ACT.
* Middle school students will take “RISE” (Readiness Improvement Success Empowerment). It is not timed but the estimated time is 90-135 minutes per test. These tests are scheduled over two days each and additional time is provided when needed. Students will take about one test per week in order to space them out. The link to sample questions is utportal.questarai.com
* There are benefits of students taking standardized tests every year. They are better prepared for college. It’s also a good way for teachers to track progress.

Upcoming Survey

There’s a survey for SCC members due March 29th.