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

Agenda: March 11, 2020, 5:00 pm

Welcome and Introductions

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Meeting Dates and Times

* 2nd Wednesday of every month from 5:00-6:00
  + April 8, 2020
  + May 13, 2020

Approve February Minutes

Motion to approve. Seconded.

University Neighborhood Partners Project Discussion

Paul briefly reviewed the project. All council members present were at the last meeting where Alma discussed the project.

Student Success Plan Goals

School-wide Academic Goal:

The number of students reading at or above grade level will increase by 5% (13 students) from middle of the year to the end of the year as measured by the Lexile level on the HMH Reading Inventory.

School-wide Achievement Gap Goal:

During the second semester, teachers will create benchmark assessments to collect data for the purpose of monitoring our students with disabilities and our ELLs. After each benchmark, an achievement gap analysis of he data will occur and teachers will use that data to plan for instruction more effectively. The achievement gaps will be documented and will be reduced by 5%.

-Parent input on this goal was that perhaps some of the teachers who have mastered differentiation and meeting the needs of high achievers within a diverse classroom setting, could provide faculty professional development and mentorship. Parents feel that sometimes they or their children advocate for more challenging materials, teachers commit to doing so, but then it doesn’t always end up happening.

School-wide Culture/Climate Goal:

By the end of the school year, there will be an increase in positive school climate indicators and a decrease in negative school climate indicators as measured by the SLCSE school climate survey. Teachers and staff will explicitly and publicly identify positive behaviors students are exhibiting and directly connect them to school wide expectations. (e.g. Thanks for taking care of our resources and plugging the iPads back in. I appreciate… because at SLCSE we…)

-Parent input on this goal was that there could be some great opportunities to help teach these expectations to both students and parents. This could be a part of back to school night, could be gone over at various school events, etc. There could also be creative opportunities for students to learn/review/share expectations- art, signs, skits, drama performance, interactive games, etc.

Parent Teacher Conference Debrief

Conferences went smoothly. It was easy to know where to locate a particular teacher with the alphabetical organization. A few of the lines took a long time to get through.

Parent Compact

Minor edits suggested both in person and through email. Overall content approved.

Parent Night Ideas

* Suicide Prevention- A parent shared that it is still the leading cause of death for children in Utah and that Utah is the 4th highest state for deaths by suicide.
* Bullying- teaching what it is and what it is not and what actions to take.

Issues of Interest

* Covid 19- Discussed the school cleaning plan. Parents advocated that chairs should also be sprayed each night. Parents also asked about cleaning procedure on the bus. The bus has been getting sprayed each day as well.
* School wide behavior- Much progress has been made. Parents shared that their student(s) had been concerned at the beginning of the year but that they were feeling much better about overall student behavior.
* Substitutes- We will have a faculty training on school wide expectations for planning for a substitute in order to have the best outcomes possible.

Upcoming Events:

Wednesday, March 11~ SLCSE Theatre Presents 5:30

Thursday, March 12~ SLCSE Theatre Presents 5:30

Thursday, March 12~ U of U Science & Engineering Fair (High School)

Friday, March 13~ First Friday

Thursday, March 19~ 11th Grade Washington DC Trip

March 23-March 27~ Spring Break