DRAFT MINUTES

Elk Ridge School Community Council

 Date ∙ October 9, 2019 │ Time ∙ 6:00 p.m. │ Called to order by Michael LaBounty

In Attendance

Michael LaBounty Sonja Delaney Margaret Hess Alishia Huefner

Angela Ross Kimberly Wimmer James LaBounty Principal Cutis Jensen

Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes from the April 24, 2019, meeting was made by Margaret Hess. The motion was seconded by Michael LaBounty. Minutes were unanimously approved.

Welcome and Introduction of new Principal

Curtis Jensen is a former assistant principal at Oquirrh Hills Middle School. He moved here from Idaho. His wife is a nurse.

Land Trust and Teacher Student Access Act (TSSA)

The legislature has approved new funding for schools to go towards instructional coaching. New model gives schools a report card, with goal to increase 1 point in tested subjects. Plans developed by schools, and plan was submitted last week for approval. Once approved, funds will be made available. Funds are in addition to current School LAND Trust funds.

Goals of the plan are to use a majority of the money to support teachers becoming endorsed at instructional coaching and paying for subs during training. In addition to credentials, specialty coaching and digital learning will be available to teachers. A small portion of funds would go to school initiatives helping support systems of students.

Principal Update

School moving toward standards-based grading, with teachers establishing which objectives should be taught. Proficiency scales will be based on a 1-4 scale, with 1 being below basic understanding of objective and 4 being advanced mastery of an objective. Focus to be on content not grade, but conversion of scale to grades being established. Language Arts is currently using. Ft. Herriman Middle School has sample proficiency skills.

Other school initiatives promoting a positive school culture include:

* Breakfast club – students are called by random selection down for Chick-fil-a breakfast to give feedback, ideas, teacher shout outs, safety concerns, etc.
* Village Kids – students referred by parent, teacher or friend to be watched over by team of teachers and counselors. A 0-3 rating given to each situation to help monitor amount of attention/check-in desired for each student.

Counseling Center

Suicide prevention presentations have started. Career focus is beginning, with November 20 being career day for 7th graders, and job shadow for 8th graders. January 30 will be when 9th graders learn about resumes and job interviews instead of Biz Town. PCCR’s will begin for 8th graders, which will be individual meetings being set up with parents instead of group meetings like last year.

Election of Co-Chair & Secretary

Jenn Zollinger will be unable to act as secretary for the 2019 -20 school year. A motion to elect Margaret Hess as co-chair and Angela Ross as secretary was made by \*, seconded by \*, and unanimously approved.

Next Meeting

December 11, 2019, at 6:00 p.m.

Motion to adjourn was made by Angela Ross, seconded by Kimberly Wimmer, and unanimously approved.