

Highland Elementary School  
**Minutes of the School Community Council Meeting**  
Held Thursday, January 12, 2012

**Present:** Reed Hodson, Donna Bond, Amber Gardiner, Brittney Bills, Kristen Lee, Jaime Ward, Candice Tice, and Ileana Brailsford

**Call to Order:** Amber called the meeting to order at 3:42 pm

**Public Comment:** none

**Abilities Program:** Cris Day

Cris is the mother of an autistic child and speaks at local schools teaching children about “invisible” disabilities. Knowledge helps us see things in a different way and will hopefully help prevent bullying. One of the best ways to teach this to children is through games where you give them a disability and have them try to accomplish a certain task. The hope is that this will help them see things in a different way and accept others who are different. To accomplish this, we need parent volunteers who will spend about 20 minutes in each classroom giving an introduction, playing a game, and finishing with an explanation. We would also like to see teacher support in the form of an assignment in class such as: having the children draw a picture, write an essay, etc. This will be addressed at the next staff meeting. We plan to carry out this program at the beginning of February. Generally, this is done once at the beginning of each semester.

**Eagle Project:** Curtis Bassett

Curtis is trying to collect water bottles to keep at the school in the event of an emergency. He plans to set up a table at Parent/Teacher Conferences. Parents can donate either water bottles or money. With the money, Curtis will purchase water bottles that Kohler’s will generously sell to him at cost.

**Teacher Collaboration Incentive Program:** Mr. Hodson

We need parent volunteers to go into the teachers’ classrooms to actually watch them collaborate. There will be time for a question & answer period and then the volunteers will evaluate how well the teachers are working together. This will take place on the next minimal Monday, which is February 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Utah State Core & Math Committee:** Amber Gardiner

The district has created a math committee to review new & different curriculums that will be implemented in the Fall for our Jr. Highs & High Schools. The Elementary schools will not change over until the 2013-14 school year. There will be a Parent Information meeting about this on March 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at Mountain Ridge Jr. High.

**PTA Silverware:** Amber Gardiner & Brittney Bills

A concerned mom, who has helped us get new cafeteria trays, is now concerned about the silverware situation. She has gotten a grant from Wal-Mart that is to be used for something eco-friendly so the cost of the new silverware is taken care of. The concern is that some silverware will be thrown away into trash cans. This will cost approximately \$125-150 each year to replace. There will need to be some training of the children and monitoring in the cafeteria. The decision was made to give it a try and see how it goes.

**PTA Newsletter:** Amber Gardiner

The SCC is suppose to write a letter to parents mid-year to inform them of things that are happening. Amber will do this and send it out for our approval.

**Agenda Items for Next Meeting:**

**Minutes:** Approved by Brittney Bills and seconded by Candice Tice

**Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 4:39 pm. Next meeting is February 9<sup>th</sup>.