

Highland Elementary School
Minutes of the School Community Council Meeting
Held Thursday, May 10, 2012

Present: Reed Hodson, Rochelle Pinnock, Amber Gardiner, Jaime Ward, and Ileana Brailsford.

Call to Order: Amber called the meeting to order at 3:43 pm

Public Comment: none

DCC Report: Amber Gardiner

There had been some concern about losing some of our ALL programs, but the district assured us that every ALL program already existing will continue. Northern Alpine District (Alpine, Highland, American Fork) has one program for every three schools which is the highest percentage of any other part of the district.

The school district is trying to help reduce class sizes because we are losing federal funding. It costs over a million dollars to reduce each class 1 student district wide. We all need to write our local representatives to make sure they know we feel it is important to have smaller class sizes in our schools.

Elections & Officers for 2012-13: Amber Gardiner

Only Amber Gardiner applied to fill our 3 open positions on the School Community Council and therefore we didn't need to hold an election. We will invite parents to attend meetings in the Fall and see if they would like to stay on. Rochelle Pinnock will be the teacher representative, her knowledge will be invaluable next spring as we choose a math program for K-5.

Amber Gardiner will continue as President and Jaime Ward will serve as the new secretary.

Meetings will continue to be held on the second Thursday of each month.

Goals for 2012-13: Mr. Hodson

We would like to finish out our technology goals of having projectors, ELMOs and iPads in each classroom.

In an effort to get the students to eat more of their lunches, we are considering lengthening the lunch period a little bit and requiring students to stay seated at their tables for approximately 12-15 minutes. After the allotted time, the table would then be dismissed to go out to recess. We hope that if they know they have to stay seated regardless of who is finished, they will keep their lunches longer and hopefully eat more.

Newsletter: Kristen Lee will stay on as our newsletter rep

Other items: We feel the transition to the new Modified schedule went very well. The teachers did a great job of adjusting and helping the students adjust as well. Next year, teachers will be dealing with the new core and with some new testing.

We hooked up with “payback” to provide our take home folders for next year where local businesses get to advertise on them. We have ordered 900.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 4:08 pm