

Highland Elementary School
Minutes of the School Community Council Meeting
Oct 8, 2015 3:40PM, Highland Elementary

Present: Reed Hodson, Lynne Mower, Jaci Olsen, Amy Mullins, Amber Gardiner, Brittney Bills, Hyeyoung Thompson, Jaime Ward, Keith Johnson

Call to Order: Jaime called to order at 3:40 p.m.

Approval of minutes: Unanimous approval of minutes Sept 10, 2015

Test Results / Discussion: Presentation by the Alpine School District – Rachel Hunt

- Discussion includes, test results, school/district/state comparison, school grade.
- All data available at Datagateway.schools.utah.gov.
- School receive letter “A” Grade. Receiving “A” grade is difficult because although we have to score well the school improvement is difficult with high scoring.
- Beginning of the year assessments were really helpful for teachers.
- 4th grade showed some weakness in science end of level testing.
- Grade levels that collaborate well perform well.
- Can we opt out of test? How do we do it? People don’t like filling out the form, but it is just the rules. State has a release form.

School Updates:

- Hawk Walk raised approx. 27k. Great response from kids and parent.

Concerns:

- Over validity of the test. What does the test really show? Some score card/accountability is needed and this covers that the group as a whole. Not individual students.
- How do we improve the kids who already know the material? (4th essential question). School improvement is critical.
- Can we spend more money on science in our school? How will this help our school. What if we pay for more science professional development for teachers? We do have resources like the clear creek and the space center.
- Need better communication to new parents. Skyward can be tricky. Must update yearly. Notifications get missed.

Meeting adjourned at 4:47 PM.

