

# Orem Elementary School Community Council

Meeting Minutes  
September 26, 2013 10:45am

Welcome: Anna Steadman

Announcements: Anna Steadman  
Meeting to be changed to the 3rd Tuesday of each month.  
Utah State Board of Education

Celebrate OES Rachele Bolingbroke  
Rachele reported that Alpine School District has decided to help lower class size. OES has hired 4 new teachers. Largest class is 35 students. Also, reported that the district will be adding more teachers every year. Reported that OES has now installed Apple TV's in each classroom .

SCC training at MVHS October 15, 2013(4:00-8:00). This is an optional meeting. Meeting will focus on data and test scores. Please R.S.V.P to Karen Rupp. She will also have more info.  
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SCC Conference on November 7th from 3-8 pm  
There will be four sessions (how to make a school improvement plan, understanding data, resources available,

School Grading System/UCAS- system will be going public on September 30, 2013. Information is on the PTA website. Aaron Campbell is the representative.

Collaboration Presentation by 4th Grade teachers-their agenda is to 1. Begin and End on time  
2. Goals are: \*be prepared\*be positive\*be focused on students. They are concentrating on keeping an eye on kids who did not pass tests at the end of last years testing. They have a math test every Friday and will get together on Monday to talk about scores.

(from 4th grade team presentation)

They use FLEX to work with all the kids who don't pass the assessment of standards, not just the ones they are focusing on for the SCC goal.

They are working no vertical alignment with the 5th grade team, so their students will be successful in the future. Their handout had the most critical standards (Power Standards) highlighted.

In collaboration they have developed their math pacing guide, they will make changes as they teach it and see the need for revisions.

They LOVE Mastery Connect. The kids are used to being assessed often, the kids are starting to ask for help when they feel they haven't mastered a concept.

THEIR REQUEST: 5th grade is assessed on writing, using Utah Write. They would like to implement it in 4th grade, so they could teach it and 5th grade could refine and fine tune the writing skills of the students. It's about \$6/student (about 85 students)

Last year our average was higher than the state average, but lower than the district average.

**Tim motion to pay up to \$600 for Utah Write for the 4th grade students**

**Becky second**

**Unanimous vote.**

Presenter: Jay from STEM

we don't teach math like they do in Singapore, and our kids don't like math. Teaching it wrong, strong emphasis on the textbook. We need more hands on and practical math.

This program would use robots, cover engineering concepts, mapping math concepts to what is taught in the classroom.

1 hour (during FLEX on Tuesdays in lunchroom) once a week. 5/6 grades (with a pre- test to invite kids that are capable). class size about 30. Funding by: parent, SCC and corporate sponsor.

Teresa mentioned that this may be part of the answer to the 4th Question: what do we do if they already know it?

**Tim motion to explore how to implement, if last resort we'll have parents pay.**

**Teresa second**

**Unanimous vote.**