

Valley View Community Council Meeting 2/12/13

In attendance: Melissa Allmon, Katie Bodily, Claudine Doyle, Rita Lewis, Breanne Meline, Harmony Packer, Becky Smith, Carl Stubbs

Absent: none

*January Minutes: Breanne Meline motioned to approve, Katie Bodily seconded. Voting was unanimous in favor.

*Boundary Change Discussion: Paul Olson (ASD administrator for grades 7-9) and Doug Webb (Oak Canyon Jr. High principal) talked with us about moving Valley View from PG Jr. boundaries to Oak Canyon Jr. boundaries. This exploration is happening due to projected growth of PG Jr. and projected static population of Oak Canyon Jr. After presenting the possibility at the PTA board meeting last week, so far there has been no negative response from parents. Point of concern: What if students wanted to stay or move with siblings? Mr. Olson will recommend to the school board that parents be able to make that choice. He will also recommend that busing be provided to both schools for 2 years. After that it would only be to Oak Canyon Jr., but parents will still be given choice to send students to PG Jr. after the 2 years, without busing services. He will propose boundary changes effective with the start of the 2013-2014 school year. He is planning on proposing the changes at tonight's school board meeting. Please email positive or negative feedback to Mr. Olson at polson@alpinedistrict.org so he can present both sides to the school board. The earliest the school board will vote on the changes would be at their February 26th school board meeting. Parents expressed the desire to have the decision finalized before any 7th grade registration takes place.

Mr. Webb emphasized that they are not in competition with PG Jr., but that they would be happy to have Valley View students. Currently 50 % of Oak Canyon Jr.'s population attends PG High and 50% go to Timpanogos High. Their PTA is in the PG cluster, and their interagency meeting are with PG and Lindon. Feb. 21st, 3-8 p.m. is Parent Teacher Conferences at Oak Canyon. Anyone is welcome to come. They are also planning an open house for some time in the future if the school board approves the changes.

*School Improvement Plan: We need to come up with the plan for next year by the end of March. Based on test scores, math seems to be the biggest concern. Mr. Stubbs wants to focus on reading, math, and language arts. He would like to see more professional development and equipment funded by Trustlands funds, and fund aides out of other school accounts.

*Community Concerns/Praise: Harmony Packer reported that one of her sons was somewhat uncomfortable with the magician who presented the Ken Garff Reading assembly, saying that he pulled up students' shirts. Mr. Stubbs and the teachers did not notice any problems, but Mr. Stubbs will e-mail the Ken Garff people and bring it to their attention.

*Other: Teacher collaboration observations will be done differently this year. Instead of presentations, each team is arranging for parents to attend and evaluate them at their regular collaboration meetings.

*Adjourn: Katie Bodily motioned to adjourn, Becky Smith seconded. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

*Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 12th, 2 p.m. in Room 15.