

American International School of Utah

Community Council

Meeting Minutes

18 September 2017

Meeting called to order by Nick Galieti, Chair at 6:00pm

Members Present:

Nick Galieti
Nathan Justis
Matt Maw
Tim Larrabee
Tasha Savage (left early)
Heidi Galieti
Leigha Westover (arrived late)

Members Not Present:

Heather Jensen

Business

- DigiCert Summit invitation. AISU is hosting an event to support digital citizenship initiatives.
- Nathan Justis presents academic performance.
 - Review Sage Test scores for the last three years, as well as MAP data.
 - AISU is still developing its academic model to address merging efforts to create rich learning experiences as well as testing friendly instruction.
 - AISU is likely to receive an F grade again.
 - 46% of students opt out of SAGE testing.
 - Administration has committed to devoting some class time to testing review and awareness, as well as making sure curriculum is aligned with state standards.
 - ACT scores have risen every year.
 - MAP Data in reading reviewed.
 - Math intervention is needed similar to the literacy program.
- Question from Council: What impact did the end of the year drama last year have on testing results?
- Answer: Its hard to figure out what impacts some of this testing outside of systemic changes that would need to be addressed.
- Question from Parent: Would Math Intervention be something worth exploring as a council?
- Answer: That is an area that does need some attention, and is probably the most serious need based on testing figures.

- Tim Larrabee suggested that a math intervention program would also help address the kids in need without distracting the kids that are ahead.

From the public: Tristan Duncan, Why does the school not focus on being a testing school, what changed from being a school that didn't need testing, to one that is looking at focusing back on testing?

Answer from Nate: From the first two years we thought we had put in place measures that would help address both sides of this concern. The school recognizes that standardized testing is flawed in painting a picture, but also, while we still procure state funds we must still meet stand requirements.

Some further discussion on ideas worth considering as far as math intervention.

Question from Heidi to Tim: If we could only fund math intervention, what group would be the one that would get the most benefit from that effort?

Tims effort: It needs to address the issues at Lower Elementary first, but really the whole school needs this issue addressed.

Tim Larrabee: The boundary between Elementary and Middle school has not been addressed yet.

Parent perspective: If the data were better would we be as concerned? Meaning, if we communicate to parents that the testing helps us know where to send funds.

- Community Council officers election:
 - Review of the rules for elections.
 - Chair election - Matt Maw nominated Nick Galieti as Chair, 2nd by Tim Larrabee (Unanimous vote in the affirmative)
 - Vice Chair election - Tim nominated Leigha Westover, 2nd by Matt Maw (Unanimous Vote in favor)
 - Secretary - No nominations. Motion to table the nomination of secretary till we have more people are on the council.
- Consideration of subcommittees for exploration of academic needs of the school. Discussion of some ways in which the Community Council can move forward and determine various needs.

What are the areas of the school where the council can explore:

Technology and Engineering - STEM vertical (Matt Maw Assigned to explore that)

Literacy - Humanities - Arts (Leigha Westover assigned to explore)

Next meeting, November 9th, 2017

Motion: Nick Galieti motioned to close the meeting

Second: Matt Maw

MEETING ADJOURNED AT APPROX. 7:10PM