

Middle School Community Council

November 15, 2017

Present: Principal Russell Torgersen, Melaney Draper, Ashlee Miller, Jacie Torgersen & Becky Henrie came at 9:30.

The meeting began at 9am. Ashlee Miller motioned Melaney Draper to serve as the chairperson for the community council and Jacie Torgersen seconded the motion. Jacie Torgersen motioned Ashlee Miller to serve as the Vice Chairman of the committee and Melaney Draper seconded the motion. Jacie Torgersen will serve as the secretary and take the minutes of the meeting.

Principal Torgersen said there was a glitch with the plan last year that has created a problem. He was locked out of the plan and was not able to make any changes until this last week. In the spring he was notified that there was a big surplus of money and so he was trying to spend it. In the summer he was notified that he was in the red. It has gone back and forth this way. Currently the state says that there is \$40,753 to spend in the middle school community council fund.

Principal Torgersen reviewed the 2017-2018 school plan goal by goal with the council.

Panguitch Middle School/High School is unique because they have two separate schools and two separate plans. The middle school is paying a portion of the \$3,000 for the Professional Development Day where a guest speaker was brought in. Principal Torgersen felt that this was a good thing for the teachers.

Some money has also been spent for IXL licenses for the teachers. Science has been added to the license. There is not a curriculum for science, there is not a text book. They have changed the science test and they don't even have one made up for this year yet. Mr. Carl Wood is trying to find things from BYU online to help him with materials to teach. The test scores for science last year in the SAGE Test were not good. The school scored 50% in Language Arts, 50% in Math and only 7% in Science. Science is the targeted area to work on for the school to help the teacher and the students.

One of the goals for the school is to focus on the kids, to keep them from failing. Principal Torgersen is looking at having some senior students tutor some of their peers to help them. There is a problem right now with the after school program that Mr. Torgersen is trying to work out. There is a conflict with teachers being paid to help in the after school program when it is during their contract hours.

Becky Henrie would like to see the school go on more field trips. This is something that she really enjoyed as a student and helped her learn. Melaney Draper and Becky Henrie were both very concerned about the 7th grade class since they both have children in that class. The teachers are struggling with what they can do to help them. Mr. Torgersen said we need to think of ideas "out of the box" that can help with that class. Jacie Torgersen suggested maybe a team building/cooperation class for them. Melaney Draper will talk to Melissa Veater and see if there is anything through her program that could help with this.

Principal Torgersen asked the council review the plan and see if they can come up with ideas of what they want to focus on and what they would like to spend the money on.

The next meeting will be held on December 13, 2017 at 10am. The meeting adjourned at 10am.