

Parowan High School Community Council Comprehensive Guidance/Advisory Committee Date: February 18, 2014

Attendance: Jerry Vesley, Patti Vesley, Ava Chamberlain, Ben Johnson, Pat Benson, Janice Ruesch,

Excused: Tyra Rice, Roy Mathews

1. Called to Order: 2:44
2. **Approval of minutes** for January 21, 2014 Motion: Patti/2nd: Jerry

At this point there was a discussion with Mark Fitzgerald. He said that this was not an official meeting of the board because he did not agree with how we filled positions on the board this year. He felt he had been slighted because he didn't have an opportunity to be on the board. He was unhappy because we would not continue the discussion at this point of the meeting, asking him to wait to the appropriate place on the agenda. He refused and left the meeting and would not accept any of the paperwork handed out at this time.

3. **Open Issues:**

- 3.1. **Calculators for the Math Program:** Research about the prices has been done. We will have a presentation of these when Roy Mathews can be in attendance.
- 3.2. **Bullying:** Dave Mineer has been asked and has consented to helping set up a new program to work on this problem.
- 3.3. **Late Start Wednesday:** The program is working and having good results. The ZAP paperwork is being streamlined. Attendance and response are positive. There is still some fine tuning to be done especially with tutor protocol. The available adults for ZAP mornings are Jamie Evans, Helen Orton, Valerie Townsend, David Kirmeyer, and Shirley Lister. The Teacher PLC is also being improved and streamlined. The question was raised about using some Trust Land Money to enhance teacher development in this area and it was recommended that we observe for a while. Few parent complaints but most are solved as they get used to it. "Sleeping in" has become a hidden incentive. Concern was expressed about what kids will do when they are done with their work. The concern is for their safety and the fact that this is not meant to be a babysitting service. We may need to re-vamp the learning center hours because work is done at ZAP. We will need to compare the attendance of Fall and Spring semesters.

4. **New Business:**

- 4.1. **Community Council Elections:** (The Board wished Mr. Fitzgerald had stayed for this discussion. They felt many of his questions would have been answered.) If someone desires to participate elections will be held. Those elections are held in the fall. We met the ratio of school and community members this year without holding elections. To make sure interested bodies are notified we would like to establish guidelines to help us be consistent. We will advertise at the beginning of school for those interested, through registration mailings, the school marquee and Back to School Night. Notification of

elections will be on the school website with information about applying. Elections will close the 2nd Friday of September at 3:00pm. Voting will held in the school office for 5 days prior to this. If no one new shows interest no elections will be held. The members who are teachers should be elected by teachers. If there is no public interest and there are positions to be filled, the principal will nominate candidates for a majority approval by the remaining board. The members of the board should consist of 6 community members and 4 members employed by the school. This year we started with these numbers and then some had to drop out, but we remained within the approved ratio of 2 more parents than faculty. This discussion will be printed as an information sheet by Janice and brought back to action for the next meeting. Ben will contact the District Office and post this information on the Website.

4.2. We need to **post minutes** and agenda on the website the Tuesday before each meeting. All meeting changes need to be posted the week before.

4.3. We will be scheduling the **May meeting** in April.

4.4. **Parowan Youth Council**: This is a council of youth who will be working with the city council. Ben Johnson is the City Council member assigned to this project. Jim Shurtleff will be the advisor. They will be given assignments and project by the city council and will mimic the council in size. This idea is being received with a lot of enthusiasm and work will continue on its organization and implementation.

5. **Comprehensive Guidance/Advisory Committee**

5.1. It is time to turn in Merit diploma applications

5.2. The "Cool to Care" program is under way. Teachers will pass out cards to those who do "good". There will be a weekly drawing for small prizes and a grand prize at the end of the year. This is being well received as an immediate recognition program for good deeds to help the students identify with caring behavior. The board will help look for donations to support this.

5.3. CCR will be the 1st week in March. They will be using the chrome books for the survey.

6. **Budget**: This discussion was postponed until Roy is back.

7. **Letter from Trust Land**: Ben read a letter from the Trust Land stating their financial report. They have an increased their permanent fund to 9.6 billion with 40 million in interest.

8. The **next meeting** will focus on goals for April and the budget.

9. Adjournment: 4:15 Motion: Jerry/2nd: Ava