

Parowan High School Community Council Comprehensive Guidance/Advisory Committee

Date: October 30, 2013

This is a Draft

Attendance: Ben Johnson, Roy Mathews, Patti Vesely, Ava Chamberlain, Pat Benson, Janice Ruesch, Jerry Vesely, Tyra Rice,

Visitors: Jet Warr, Colleen Okeson, Charla Cooke, Mark Fitzgerald

1. Called to Order: 2:49

1.1. **Correction and Approval of minutes** for Sept 18, 2014 Motion: Ava /2nd: Roy approved

2. **Open Issues:**

2.1. **Math Scores:**

2.1.1. Presentation by Colleen Okeson: She introduced the "Common Core". It implementation began in 2011. It is a 3 step process beginning with the ninth grade. It is to be noted that the old testing was done even though we were all ready teaching the "common Core" style. This new core is based on students teaching each other. They perservere, critique, learn tool usage, use structure, symbols and rules. This promotes cross curricular learning. Utah is leading in prparations for the new core. Practice and end product should create a better "team player". Our test scores are greatly influenced by class size, small classes mean that one students performance can easily change our score levels. Parents need to be a key partner in a success formula.

2.1.2. Presentation by Jet Warr: Jet created a handout she shared with us which was adopted by the state. Also a parent's letter encouraging enthusiawsm and support for the new program. She has a letter for students encouraging good habits, websites for help. She stated that she does not hold a lot of vauue to the accuracy of the accessment of our students. She also reviewed the ACT Math goals. We have a need to generate enthusiasm for the PHS math program. This year we began the Math 1050 course for seniors, concurrent enrollment. We saw a powerpoint presentation of lesson plans and student directions.

2.1.3. Presentation by Charla Cook: Positive "PR" would be a great help to the program. Using the Learning Center has helped and needs to be encouraged. We also look for a parental attitude shift. Other boosts for the program are ACT prep classes, up-to-date calculators(TI-84 silver edition), and chrome books.

2.1.4. Discussion to help:

2.1.4.1. We threw out ideas about having college students tutor, "Pizza and Problems Nights", volunteers, prizes for math nights,

2.1.4.2. ACT tutor ideas: utilize late start days, timed test skills, and "shmoop".

2.1.4.3. We need calculators in Pat Benson's room and in the learning center.

3. **Adjournment:** 4 :06

Motion: Roy/2nd: Patti approved