Community Council Meeting February 23, 2012

Attending:
Tami Line
Maureen deWet
David Geels
Annalise Eccles
Emily Larson
Gary Gibb
Rachel Baldwin

Stakeholders Report:

The Council reviewed the new Stakeholders report. A section for Den Time and Booster Club were added this year. The report will be e-mailed out to everyone, and posted on the school and district websites.

Data Review:

Legacy's writing scores have continued to improve. The 2012 Direct Writing Assessment will be given to 5^{th} graders next week.

The 6th grade is continuing to build off of the 5th grade DWA, using 6 trait writing and graphic organizer to help students to continue to build and to keep their skills. The 5th and 6th grades also use Utah Writes to practice writing persuasive essays.

The Benchmark goal for spring is 95%. We are on track to meet the goal. A graph showing progress was shared with the council.

DRA testing shows a drop in 4th grade. Part of this may be a change in how students are assessed, including a writing component that begins at the end of 3rd grade. We are working to address this. Collaboration is making a great difference in the success of students.

Math assessment reviews are not ready at this time.

School Land Trust:

Mr. Gibb is waiting for approval from the state to purchase some technology items for classrooms. He will attend a meeting on Tuesday to ask questions and clarify details to then move forward to purchase the items.

Substitute and Aide money are on schedule for the projected amount to be used for this year.

With the new core curriculum, money may be spent a little differently than in the past.

The Booster Club program has been successful. It was funded by the district for one year. Mr. Gibb showed administrators from the district how our school is doing it. We can apply for a grant to help pay for Booster Club to continue. SLT money could be used to make up the difference.

Mr. Gibb will have a rough draft of the budget for next year at our next meeting

New Core Curriculum:

The State has a new Core Curriculum that will begin next year. Teachers will go to a training in April and then in June. The 6th grade will train in math and all other grade in language arts. The following year it will be switched. This is a common core used in 46 states. The new core will be more rigorous than what we have now. It will require training and lead to new testing where the answers given by students will determine the next question.

A community meeting will be held to introduce the new core and how it will be implemented and what it will mean for each student. The meeting will be held March 20. This will be publicized to all parents through the website.

The next Community Council Meeting will be held March 8 at 2:40 p.m.