

Fillmore Middle School

Community Council – September 25, 2024

Attendees include:

Jeremy Teeples
Jody Lawhorn
Ian Adams
Kari Shields

Kathy Kesler
JD Stevens
Amy Despain
Autumn Barney

Motion to begin meeting at 3:07 Jeremy Teeples.

Annual training meeting – District office has asked individual schools to please handle the annual training.

All Community Council meeting minutes will be available on Fillmore Middle Schools Boarddocs. If you are interested in accessing them, [Click here](#) – In the top right corner there is a drop down – select Fillmore Middle Community Council – Meetings will show up - click the date of the meeting you would like to access. The September 25, 2024, annual training meeting slideshow along with some short videos are currently available. Along with Boarddocs, we have posted on our Fillmore Middle School meeting minutes, agendas, website members names, and emails.

As our new UEA representative, Jody Lawhorn went through a couple of items on the Utah ballot.

- Amendment A is in opposition to the constitution - in the Utah constitution, certain funds must be used for public schools – Amendment A wants to remove the provision of tax dollars for public schools. It changes this provision so that funds can be used for other things at our legislature’s discretion. What this means locally, is this will pull money away from our public schools to be used for other things such as vouchers for private and charter schools. This will directly affect aide wages among other things. This amendment is deceptive in it’s wording as it promises to do away with state sales tax on food which is currently under 2%. We encourage you to do your own research and be educated on this amendment.
- Amendment D – this amendment has already been ruled unconstitutional in courts. It is currently under appeal – this is actually a thinly veiled power grab attempt. As always, we encourage you to do your own research and be educated on this amendment.

We put out an email to see if we could get some interest from parents in serving on our Community Council. We got no response from parents, so council member Karilyn Shields appointed prior members Ian Adams, JD Stevens, and Autumn Barney to serve another term. This was seconded by Amy Despain. All appointed members are in compliance with the current rules and regulations. Adrian Fowkes was also nominated as a possible member, as someone not in attendance, we will reach out to her and see if it is something she would be interested in.

A few law changes – mostly regarding charter schools

- Charter Council Election Procedures
- Charter Due Dates

- Charter Exemptions
- New unallowable expenses – Using funds to purchase items for “storage of personal student property”
- Unused money – Definition on cutoff date for changes to distribution calculation set for March 1st

Compliance monitoring

- Rules and order procedure
- Carryover of funds – spent \$3000 - cannot carryover multiple years

School community council responsibilities pdf is available in board docs.

We will go through data next meeting Improvements were shown in all areas except for ELL.

- Utah Rural Schools representative will come down and help ELL with resources along with helpful ideas and materials that can be used to improve results.

Art

- Mrs. DeGraffenried is in her final year of education
- Possibly fund a couple more classes to bring down her class sizes.

Dress Code was discussed as possibly being decided on by different schools in the district for next year, so there is a possibility that some portions of it may be updated.

Digital Citizenship (Liza Staples in the media center will oversee)

- Fun activities
- Book previews – making sure books are age and content appropriate
- Implementing commonsense.org to all 5th and 6th grade students
- Possibility that commonsense.org will be extended to 7th and 8th grade students.

Karilyn Shields nominated by Ian Adams as chair seconded by JD Stevens. Amy Despain nominated by Ian Adams as vice chair seconded by Autumn Barney.

Everyone in favor of chair, vice chair – unanimous.

Thank you for your willingness to serve on community council. Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 16, 2024, at 3:00 PM in the Media center. Motion to adjourn at 4:00 by Amy Despain – seconded by Ian Adams.