

# Community Council

Sept. 21, 2021

## Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Principal Ardizzone, Britanie Williams, Melissa Davis, Lauren Hunter, Mike Meyer, Stoney Wayment, Natalie Belnap,

1. Principal Ardizzone welcomed everyone back. It is nice to be able to meet in person this year! Our meetings will be on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 4pm in the school library.
2. Adopt School Web Info - The Principal encouraged each of us to visit the schools and districts websites, Look for the Parent link. There is a lot of good information for parents to utilize. He specifically wants us to read over the School, Parent, Student Compact.
  - a. Schoolbinder App - This is a new app the school is piloting this year. A few members from our community have developed this app. They are working closely with the school to make it a beneficial forum to communicate with and inform parents. So far there has been positive feedback for the app and its usefulness.
3. General School Updates -
  - a. The principal gave an update on how well the school performed with our growth in Acadience scores. Those scores are posted on the District's websites: [Acadience Reading Report - Ogden City School District \(ogdensd.org\)](https://ogdensd.org)
  - b. Writing - There was a noticeable drop in writing skills last year so the school has implemented the Step-up to writing program for the upper grades (3-6). It includes coding and typing instruction as well. We are piloting this program which is being considered by the district for all schools. The school has been using Utah Compose for the past few years but the students are finding the loopholes to get higher scores but not necessarily better writing skills.
  - c. ESL - (English as a Second Language) Shaelee Phillips has been a huge help with pulling small groups from classrooms to help meet the required 45 minutes of individual instruction for these students. The ESL students are showing more growth and improvement with this system. This allows the classroom teachers to focus on other intervention groups or material for the rest of their students. Federal funding is available when this ESL students meet the progress requirements, so it is not only the law to provide this instruction, but can be a benefit for additional

funding. We did not meet the standards last year so Principal Ardizzone is working on identifying the issues and collecting the data needed to help this program.

- d. CHAT - This program is being implemented to help teachers recognize social or emotional issues among students before they turn into academic or behavior issues.
  - e. Science - We have not been able to hire a new science instructor for this year. The principal is talking to Weber State about having their students or instructors' team up with us to build a sustainable program to benefit the school.
    - i. The pond/outdoor classroom is on hold for now. There are access issues that need to be worked out. The greenhouse did not get purchased and the PTA funds raised last year were returned to the PTA.
  - f. Math - the school was able to hire an assistant to help with interventions in grades 4-6.
  - g. Reading - the school is continuing the monitoring and intervention system established last year. They have also hired an assistant to work with the Lexia system data and interventions where needed.
  - h. Technology - The principal has been working very hard with the district to get our Technology systems updated. He would like to have interactive TV's in each classroom and remove the projectors. He has received two TV's which are waiting to be installed by the district. It's been a battle but Principal Ardizzone is committed to seeing it through.
  - i. Budget - We discussed how the Land Trust funds were allocated at the end of last year. There was money set aside for the Science program so we are anxious to get that moving again. The Principal is going to provide a budget update at our next meeting in October.
    - i. SR Grant - (Covid Relief Funds) helped us reduce our class sizes in 1<sup>st</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade by hiring additional teachers. This may be something we need to consider funding in the future when the SR Funds are removed.
4. Safety Plan - Britanie updated us on the installation of RFB's (flashing crosswalk lights) at the intersection of Old Post Rd and Shadow Valley Dr. There has also been a crossing guard there. Lauren stated that only about 5 kids are using that crosswalk and asked if we could possibly have the crossing guard moved to the Wasatch Dr. intersection at the south end of the school where a lot more kids are crossing. There has been a problem of kids not walking up to the posted crossing guard and just running across the street. This is such a dangerous intersection with all the car movements happening there. Britanie will call the city to see if we can make this change.

5. Set Goals or Priorities for this year - The council needs to come up with some goal for this year. What programs need additional support to help them succeed. The council agreed that the science program, which is on hold, needs to get up and running and is willing to support the school to help make that happen. Also, the writing in the upper grade levels is of concern and the council is willing to provide additional support there if needed. We will revisit these priorities next month and try to establish some action items.

With no other topics to discuss Principal Ardizzone thanked everyone for their continued support and active participation and motioned to adjourn the meeting. Melissa Davis 2nded the motion. The next meeting will be Oct. 12th @ 4pm.