

SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

November 18, 2016 –Providence Elementary

Meeting called to order at 2:30 PM

Council Members Present: Diane Theurer (Chair), Debbie Rees, Kate Fluckiger, Joel Winkler (administrative Intern), Carrie Kirk, Jennifer Frost, Morris Poole, Deonne Johnson, Barbara Miller, Heather Anderson, Mandy Saunders

Excused: Trudy Wilson (principal), Kadie Stokes, Amanda DeRito, Dee Jukes-Cooper

Agenda:

- ☐ Welcome by Diane Theurer SCC Chair
- ☐ Approve minutes: Motion was made by Jennifer Frost to approve the minutes from the October SCC Council meeting, seconded by Mandie Saunders.
- ☐ Clarification on Cache County School District's interpretation of eligibility of member and chairperson composition/duties.
 - The following statement from Mike Liechty of the Cache County School District office was read. All present were in agreement that our current Chair, Diane Theurer met all the necessary requirements.

I have looked into this and can share the following: The law states "an educator at your school" cannot serve as the chair. The Chair must be a parent or Guardian and have a student at the school. An Educator is defined as "an individual with a teaching/counselor license. With this said, a classified employee (custodian, secretary, cook, aide, etc) at a school may be a Chair if he/she has a student at the school.

- Tardies
 - There have been 432 tardies thus far in the current school year.
 - Questions were raised regarding notices sent home to students who are consistently late to school, and how to best recognize those who are not late to school or absent.
 - It was suggested that students be recognized quarterly for no tardies or absences rather than at the end of the school year for motivation.
 - A reminder could also be included in the school and PTA newsletters/facebook.
- Student Directory
 - Concern has been brought to the PTA and school office regarding the amount of information provided in the PTA published student directory, and the potential for personal safety issues.
 - It was suggested that an "opt in" method be used to add names to the directory, rather than the "opt out", which does not seem to catch the attention of parents.
 - Also, the directory could be published using only student names and phone numbers- eliminating addresses and names of parents.
- Bullying regarding the recent elections
 - There have been a few isolated reports of mean comments made at recess regarding the recent election.

- Being aware of the sensitive needs of our students, it would be helpful to remind students and parents of the differences between repeated bullying that causes bodily or emotional harm, and mean teasing. Neither is appropriate or accepted in the school setting.
- It was suggested that parents be reminded of the school's policy of bullying and investigate classroom presentations on bullying verses mean teasing. These were held in the past- perhaps through the Sheriff's Department.

☐ **Next Meeting:** December 16th, 2:30 pm

☐ **Motion made to adjourn:** Motion was made by Jennifer Frost, seconded by Deonne Johnson

☐ **Meeting Adjourned** at 3:15 pm

Minutes Prepared by Debbie Rees