

**M. Lynn Bennion Elementary School
(SCC) School Community Council Meeting**

Minutes

September 30, 2021

Members of School Community Council- Present-Absent-Excused

Carrie Chalverus, SCC Chair,

Ashley Leete, Vice-Chair

Karen Pynes Parent

Laura De la Cruz, Parent

Sharlon Harding, Secretary

Julie Krueger, Faculty Representative

Caisa Pope, Faculty

Dahlia Cordova, Principal

Spanish Translator

- Others in Attendance: Ashley Platt, Ayesha Sana, Janet Houtz and Margaret Blackbear.
- Nate Salazar asked to be excused.

1. Welcome-Carrie Chalverus, SCC Chair

- Carrie welcomed everyone and had everyone introduce themselves to each other.

2. Approval of Minutes from May 19, 2021, meeting

- Carrie motioned for minutes to be approved, Caisa seconded, all agreed. Minutes approved.

3. Nominations and vote for SCC board members

- Carrie explained about what the commitments (one meeting a month) are and why SCC is important. Help parents have a voice in what happens at our school.
- Nominations are:
 - President: Ashley Leete
 - Vice-President: Carrie Chalverus
 - Parent Member: Ashley Platt
 - Parent Member: Janet Houtz
 - Parent Member: Margaret Blackbear

- School Representative: Caisa Pope
- Administrator: Dahlia Cordova
- Secretary: Sharlon Harding
- All nominations were accepted and unanimous in favor for the vote.

3. Enrollment: Currently we have 151 students enrolled in K-6.

- We also have SCORE, Pre-K, Head Start and other SPED programs with offices in our building at this time.

4. Recruitment Plan-We will begin working on a recruitment plan that will include representation from the SCC board to help develop the plan. Once a draft proposed plan is developed, it will be presented to the full SCC and faculty for approval. We are planning on getting this off the ground within the next one to two months. We will be working with SLCSE Bryant and Rose Park campus staff to develop the plan.

- Carrie shared a quick background about what SLCSE (Salt Lake Center for Science Education) is and how Bennion was chosen as the SLCSE elementary.
- There will be trainings for teachers and fieldtrips for students to help emphasize science
- United Way and the Reimagine Grant are helping to pay for the fieldtrips.
- Students from Bryant will be helping with afterschool and Parent Nights.
- SLCSE will be at next faculty meeting to discuss next steps and answer faculty questions.
- December will begin the big recruitment push.

5. The STEM Science Camp was held on June 21 through June 24th and June 28th through July 1st. Classes began at 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Registration was waived for all student participants. Classes were held at Bennion with breakfast and lunch provided. Approximately 90 students participated in the camp, and a few were from Bennion. The science camp provided students with several authentic hand-on science activities and field trips. We are planning on hosting another camp this summer with more participation from Bennion students.

- Was for K-g students. No charge. Carly Winslow was one of the teachers.
- Plans are to hold this camp next year as well.
- Hope to get more Bennion students involved.

6. The CSI/PBIS Leadership Team comprised of teacher representation from each grade level, counselor, administrator and coaches has been meeting to review data in their attempt to write a comprehensive Student Success Plan that aligns with our CSI plan. The plan is due to be in the district on October 5th. The plan will be presented to our SCC before its submission for approval to the district. The Leadership team will meet monthly as we monitor the implementation of our SSP and CSI plans for the 2021-22 school year.

7. Student Success Plan-overview

- Will share more at the next SCC meeting. Plan covers plans for Math, Literacy and Culture.
- Also see #8 for more info about other things covered in the plan and what is happening.

8. K-3 grades teachers will participate in the LTRS training mandated by the USBE (Utah State Board of Education). Teachers in grades 4-6 will participate in Higher Steps practicum provided by the U of U Reading Clinic and paid for by UNITED WAY. Both PL offerings will provide teachers certification in the respective areas they are focused to work in. PLC (Professional Learning Community) will be conducted weekly for ELA (English Language Arts) and math on a rotating basis each month. One PLC will be mandatory per week and the second PLC per week will be scheduled based on teacher or grade level team interest or need. At least one mandatory Science PLC will occur monthly for each grade level. Increased rigor of curriculum and instruction with DOK (Depth of Knowledge) levels being incorporated in lessons taught will also be a focus of learning for students. Students will track their own progress in math and ELA and share their progress with parents during SEP conferences. Students will continue to be engaged in SEL (Social Emotional Learning) with our counselor providing instruction to students weekly on anti-bullying themes, sexual harassment's themes and the Lion Roar's themes to support social emotional learning in our school.

A safety survey will be conducted three times during the upcoming school year to gauge how safe students are feeling at school and adjusting where needed to help all students feel safe and supported here at Bennion. Community circles will continue to build relationships within the classroom.

- Safety Survey will help with making SEL goals for the school.

7. Girls Who Code Update-Ashley

- They are meeting on Wednesdays after school.
- Question was asked why no program for boys. Answer was that we do not currently have the resources or support for the program but would love to have it if we can get the support. Hopefully SLCSE can help with that as we move forward with them.

8. Family Nights-We will be hosting six Family Nights and want to discuss how we can get more parents participating with their children. Brainstorm ideas to increase participation. The nights scheduled on the calendar are as follows: SEL Night, Literacy Night, Math Night, Art Night, and Science Night.

- Tonight, is SEL Night, and will be having Pizza for those that come.

9. House Bill 58 Presentation-Caisa Pope

- HB58 is designed to help students recognize and understand the dangers of tobacco use (primarily) and other substances. There are also secondary goals of helping students feel connected, have trusted adults in their lives, and feel safe at school. There are specific

programs that are used to help students meet this goal that are already in place: weekly guidance lessons using the Second Steps curriculum, as well as Prevention Dimensions and Botvin Life Skills. The school also recognizes Red Ribbon Week. In terms of social-emotional components and connections, the school has a multitude of opportunities for the students. These include Running Forward, Afterschool mentoring, Student Leadership Teams, BOB Book Club, Chess Club, Girls Who Code, and eventually Girls on the Run.

9. School **calendar** –

- September 30, SEL Night-5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. (in person with masks and social distancing) Activities will be held outside.
- September 30, Principal's lunch-11:00 a.m. provided by Jimmy John's funded by Capital Church
- October 5, Asynchronous Day of Instruction –professional learning for teachers, student work at home day-Learning packets will be sent home with students.
- October 12, Luna Assembly-9:00 a.m. followed by classroom workshops 3-6 on a voluntary basis
- October 13, Fall Picture Day
- October 14th & October 15th, Fall Break-No school
- October 20, SEP Conferences-2:30 p.m. -7:00 p.m.
- October 21, SEP Conferences-2:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. (Early Release for students @ 1:00 p.m.)
- October 26, Make up Picture Day
- October 28, Principals Lunch 11:00 a.m.
- October 28, SCC Meeting-3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- October 28, ART Night-5:30 p.m. -7:00 p.m. (parents and students invited in groups)
- October 29, Halloween Parade-9:00 a.m.

12. Non-Agenda Items

- Water Fair for Grade 4-6 at Bryant. (See attached Flyer)
- Changing meeting SCC meeting times from 12:00-1:00pm to 3:00-4:00pm.
- Safety concern about students in the parking lot in the mornings. Students are darting behind moving cars.
 - Dahlia talked about assigning a Parra to monitor the parking lot in the mornings.