

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

Minutes

October 28, 2021

Members of School Community Council- Present-Absent-Excused

- Ashley Leete, SCC Chair,
- Carrie Chalverus Vice-Chair
- Karen Pynes Parent
- Ashley Platt, Parent
- Ayesha Sana, Parent
- Janet Houtz, Parent
- Margaret Blackbear, Parent
- Laura De la Cruz, Parent
- Sharlon Harding, Administrative Assistan
- Caisa Pope, Faculty
- Dahlia Cordova, Principal
- Spanish Translator

Nate Salazar from the School Board was also present.

1. Welcome-Ashley Leete, SCC Chair

- Ashley Leete welcomed everyone, and asked each member to introduce themselves.

2. Approval of Minutes from September 30, 2021, meeting

- Carrie motioned to approve the minutes, Caisa 2nd it, all approved.

3. Enrollment Report-Sharlon Harding, Administrative Assistant

- There are currently 158 students enrolled at Bennion with 14 Pre-K.

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 to get this off the ground within the next one to two months. We will be working with SLCSE (Salt Lake Community Science Education) Bryant and Rose Park campus staff to develop the plan. Britnie Powell, Administrator, has been doing classroom visits to observe science lessons being taught in our school classrooms to support the recruitment efforts. The marketing plan is to show case Bennion as a SLCSE school by demonstrating the work that is occurring this year in science as a springboard to what is coming when we are in full operation. We had

our first combined faculty meeting with the Bryant and Rose Park SLCSE schools on Monday. We became familiar with the SLCSE mission statement. A monthly professional learning opportunity will be provided by SCSE staff and our first one was held on October 20th. Teachers at Bennion were excited and enjoyed the science lesson that was shared that was both engaging and authentic.

- Chris Gesteland will be coming in next Friday to help.
- The water testing night was a good success at Bryant. Several Bennion students attended.

5. The CSI/PBIS Leadership Team comprised of teacher representation from each grade level, counselor, principal, and coaches will meet monthly throughout the year to monitor the implementation of our CSI plan as designed without the contractual involvement of the Utah Education Policy Center as per the decision made by our superintendent. As a CSI designated school, we are required by the USOE to continue working on the implementation of our plan as developed initially as we continue to support the academic achievement of our students. This year the USOE has contracted with our district to have all TSI and CSI schools conduct a school improvement survey to determine what we have in place, determine what is working and what may need adjusting. The faculty will be taking the online survey at Monday's faculty meeting. A summary report of the survey results will be provided to our SCC at our next meeting in November.

- No longer under UEPC contract due to not being approved by the Superintendent. Dahlia asked Nate about it who as also spoken to Dr. Gadson. Responsibilities are given to the network officers.
- Carrie thanked Nate for helping to be a voice for Bennion and the board agreed.

6. Student Success Plan Draft-overview shared on the computer screen by Mrs. Cordova

- Dahlia has the draft and will share update at next meeting.

7. 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.

- Last safety survey was 3 weeks ago, next will be in January than just before the end of the year. Will discuss results from last survey at next meeting.
- Measuring success with Acadience math assessments as well as monitoring & discussing growth during PLCs.
- Hiring PArras and training them in Higher Steps and Letters.
- This plan will be available on our website after the board approves it.
- Unfortunately, our math and literacy coaches were reduced to .25 time instead of .50. This means teachers only have access to coaches once a month. Nate also spoke to Dr. Gadson about this and will continue to help as much as possible to correct this.

8. Girls Who Code Update-Ashley

- Currently have 9 students with the possibility of 1 more.
- Ashley working on getting some “freebies” for the program
- Still no volunteers for the boys who code program.
- Ashley has noted that the girls are getting really good at the code due to having the Code.org program in classes at our school the last 3 years.

9. 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.

- Art night is tonight
- SEL night was well attended, hoping for the same outcome for Art night.

10. SEL Night was a great success! Many families participated, including our families from the YWCA who were transported to Bennion by bus. Students and their families rotated to various SEL activity booths. The Bryant SLCSE students also had an information booth available for parents and students to ask questions. Pizza was served at the end of the evening.

- Parents noted that they much more prefer the in-person nights vs the online (Back to School and last year)

11. Capital Church awarded Bennion \$3,600 to cover the costs of our SEL incentives for students.

- Monies will be used for SEP conferences, incentives for students: Principal’s Lunch, Token Tower, School Store, Awards, ROARS, and other PBIS items.
- Was suggested to have the school do a big thank you that maybe is designed by Mr. Paul Heath.

11.. **School Calendar –**

October 27, Fire Drill

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. Students may wear their costumes to school. Only school masks can be worn on the face. Face painting acceptable and parents may watch the parade from outside and join their student in the parade if they like.

November 10, Hearing Screening

November 11, Lock down drill

November 16, Golden Rule Assembly (tentative)

November 18, Picture Makeup day

November 18, SCC Meeting, 3pm

November 19, First Trimester Ends

November 22, FCF Turkey Distribution Day

November 23, Fire Drill

November 24-26-Thanksgiving Holiday-no school

November 30, Principal lunch

12. Non-Agenda Items

- Concern was brought up about school running out of student sized disposable masks.
 - Several parents offered to buy some for the school
 - Ms. Cordova said there is still some CARES money to order some once the warehouse has more.
 - Currently no cases of COVID in our school.
- November 18th – Superintendent’s Listening tour will be at Bryant. Suggested that parents attend to ask question and let their concerns be heard.
- Let Dahlia, Sharlon and or Ashley know if there is anything that member would like added to future SCC agendas.
- Will discuss Safety Survey and SCC Training next meeting.