

October 12, 2020
Community Council
BVH Library, 6pm

Attendance: April LeFever (remotely), Lu Syrett, Lance Syrett, BVE Principal Pete Peterson & Bev Peterson, BVH Principal Jeff Brinkerhoff, LaRee Bybee, Katie Beesley, Kim Stewart & spouse, Laura Pollock, Lesa Ahlstrom

Lance Syrett nominated Lu to be CC chair, Katie 2nd the motion

Lance Syrett nominated Lesa to be the Co-Chair, Katie to be the Secretary, all agreed

Elementary Reps: LaRee Bybee, Lu Syrett, Katie Beesley, Teresa Deccio, Kami Brinkerhoff

HS Reps: Jason Bybee, Kim Stewart, Gary Syrett, Lance Syrett, Lesa Ahlstrom

Everyone's names, phone #s and emails need to be submitted as members of the committee

High School Report:

- Hired Melinda Overson for Library and Remediation
- Bev Peterson hired at high school also
- High School purchased translating ear buds with software. Will amend goal #5 from previous plan to buy more translating ear buds (now need \$1200) Need 9 more sets for each teacher and the office to have one. have been given a 50% + education discount. Will try to only use when necessary to communicate assignment details etc. So it is not a crutch to keep students from learning English. Lance motion to approve earbuds, Lu 2nd the motion
- Jeff has had trouble purchasing another swivel camera which was also outlined in budget
- LaRee helped Hope Squad order furniture for "hang out space" that will go in the library for High Schoolers
- Oct 26-30 College Career Week – guest speakers April encouraged efforts to "grow our own educators," or encourage kids who want to stay living in the area to pursue teaching degrees
- Utah College Application week; many waive admission fees for Seniors
- Oct 29 FAFSA night
- Ruby's Inn Career fair will not happen this year due to COVID

Elementary School Report:

- Kami will oversee Halloween carnival at the Heritage Center since school can't host due to COVID
- Elementary hosted a "Community Cares" day in which sheriff, fireman, police, National Park professionals invited to come teach the kids about safety etc. Great success!
- Escalante hosted a writing contest \$50 prize, Topic: "Why I'm Proud to Be an American" Allie Mason & Griffin Roberts won prizes! Many others were recognized as well
- Elementary will have Missoula (?) Children's theater come and help the kids put on a play! The Prevention Coalition will provide funding for this and for Emergency Kits for the students
- LaRee counseled some grade schoolers very well!
- Jeff helped Principal Peterson learn about Community Council and Trustland \$\$
- Para's and teachers have been great and willing to support the new principals ideas
- BVE having regular faculty meetings
- Grant request made for "Safe Route" to school. This will help make a paved path between Tropic and the Cemetery on the side of the Highway. Much support offered from UDOT engineer, county commissioners, and local mayors
- There is a UDOT grant for sidewalks that may also help make a path toward the Bulberry Inn

April mentioned we all need to do Mandatory Community Council Training together or separately
We need to show our legislators we are very appreciative of Trustland Funds supporting education!

Next meeting: Nov 9, 6pm, BVH Library

Lance motion we adjourn, Katie 2nd the motion