

SCC minutes of October 3, 2012. The following people were in attendance: John Hughes, Pheobe Blackham, Jim Martineau, Mark Clement, Juli Blickfeldt, Diane Morphis, Eliza Jex, Jess Christen, Roberta Stephenson, Amelia & Miguel Carranza, Becky

Secretary nominated- Eliza Jex – it was unanimous in favor

Jess Christen- From the district

- Thank you for your involvement from the district.
- Went over the mission, vision, values and goals of the alpine school district. The focus area is student achievement so as we are looking at spending the Trust Lands Money, keep that in mind. Center focus is Student Achievement.
- Last fall, \$210 million bond was passed- some of the projects on the bond have already been completed. You can get details on where the money is being spent on the ASD website.
- District has adapted the new Common Core Standards, and did training this summer on Math and English. Next summer the focus will be on Science and Social Studies.
- Teachers are in the process of developing the curriculum that ASD will follow that is aligned to the Common Core.

Mark Clement

- If there are any questions or concerns for the district, get in touch with him. He is over buildings and grounds.
- The district is aware of the needs of ATEC as far as running out of room, and the district is working toward plans in the future.
- If we run out of space in the school, the district will have a solution for us.

Roberta Stephenson-

- Mentioned concern regarding being close to bus stop.

Mark Clement-

- Said that there may be a potential to move into the building next door.
- He thinks we should hear something back soon, and as soon as he knows something, he'll let us know.

Pheobe Blackham

- Stressed that ATEC students don't necessarily fit into the same mold, academically speaking, as other schools and students. We need to be able to focus on things like getting a job, riding the UTA, life skills, etc. with the focus being that when they leave ATEC they have a job or volunteer situation to transition into.

Jess-

- What would be appropriate is to stress what ATEC students need, and we can take some license on how we track and take data.

John Hughes

- We don't complete testing in the typical academic areas.
- Assessments should focus on education and training, jobs, personal life, and living on your own.

Julie Blickfeldt

- Some students are leaving without having a job, and when students leave, parents are still left to find a job or other opportunity for their child.
- Would like to see, when students are seniors in high school, to have a better assessment that assesses interests and talents and then when they come to ATEC, they could follow through with those interests/talents and then they can complete that by the time they finish.

John Hughes

- Talked about UtahFutures.org as a tool for assessing individual interests/talents, and encouraged parents to set up their own accounts there and play with it.
- This not only gives areas of focus for students, but also goes into detail about specific job areas.
- There are hundreds of jobs, and you can click on that job and it will give you a description, the salary, training required.
- It is not focused on getting a college evaluation.

Discussion about Voc Rehab vs Utah Futures-We don't want our students compared and competing against non-disabled students. Voc Rehab is supposed to help with that. Sometimes what we need to do is get them into volunteer positions to see what they can excel in and see how they can progress.

We want to find general things they are interested in, and then focus in on those things. A lot of students have a hard time deciding what they want to do.

John Hughes- We want to get more opportunities, and we are trying to expand right now.

- We don't want parents to register their students on utahfutures.org at home, as we will do that through the school.

Utah Futures could be a possibility for part of next year's plan for use of Trust Lands

Pheobe Blackham

- We need to review last year's focus, then also cover what next year's focus will be. The SCC is responsible for deciding how to use Trust Lands money, and hopefully we can bring together all the different experiences that the SCC members bring to the table to decide what the needs truly are.
- There are a lot of things that can benefit everyone as the last two Trust Lands projects shows. We need to look at possibilities that could benefit all students if possible.

Juli Blickfeld

-We could track the data by looking at where students are after they leave ATEC: how many of them have a job or other opportunity?

Jim Martineau

-We need to remember that what works for some isn't necessarily going to work for the rest.

John

-Adaptive PE (APE) Teacher is in the process of ordering some APE equipment including ISO bands and bikes for the 2011-2012 project.

-We have an eagle scout building the Corn Hole toss, and the golf project. The scouts can talk to Jim Martineau if they need.

Jim Martineau

-Jim followed up on things that could be built that was discussed in the previous meeting

-Storage Shed- is simple. Anything that physically affects the school, has to go through the district. Things like the Marquee has to go through the city, state and district for approvals and meet all the code requirements and can take 6 months to a year.

-Jim feels that getting a new Marquee will cost a lot of money and may not necessarily give us what we want.

-As far as the costs, he has the ability and the people who would be willing to help build these things. Jim asked about funding for this project. Jim could work with a budget, purchasing the items and then be reimbursed. Mark Clement has said that we should just use a purchasing card.

-Jim knows the guys who own Parks Sportsmans Store and may be able to get us a deal of some sort.

-What we need is a total list of what we have committed to purchase and the cost so we know what funds could be available for Jim. With a budget, Jim could get going on the things that he can do.

John

-We have approval from UDOT and the district to put the shelter out by the bus stop. We just have to pour the cement.

-We also have the approval for more lights out back.

Pheobe

-We need to submit a final report by the middle of November on how we have spent the money for the 2011-2012 Trust funds project. We need to make sure that we are spending it.

-The plan just needs to be in by November, but the money can be spent over the whole year.

Jess

-Make sure we are really spending the money, and the legislature wants to be sure that it is needed and spending it shows that it is.
-What is due in November is probably the final for last year's project, and then what the plan is for this year's money.

Pheobe

-Requirements for the new plan- We want each member of the council to say what they see as the greatest needs for the students here.

Roberta suggested we come up with some sort of a form that all parents could fill out and then return.

Suggested that we use a Listserv, and we need to look at something that parents would respond to. Questions would be good so that thoughts can be organized and so it's not just venting. It also needs a due date. It needs to go out electronically and on paper.

Roberta and Becky- assigned to put together a form that we could evaluate at the next meeting. Design the questions over the 4 areas of focus which are education and training, jobs, personal life, and living on your own.

We also want the teachers to also have input and Pheobe asked that members talk to their students' teachers to get their input.

Ma talked about Dan Petersen's goal and how simple it was, for each student to have just 10 words to talk to simply communicate what they want. We don't have to feel confined by any specific type of testing, we can focus on what we feel is important to our students.

This information will help us begin thinking about next year's plan.

There are two videos that by law, every parent on a SCC is required to watch. We will watch them as a council but if members are absent they may view them at trustlands.utah.gov. Videos- Earning for Education. Through this same website you can look all of the districts SCC reports, including our own. Pheobe encouraged members to do that so they were more familiar with how we need to do our reports.

John is going to check into what needs to be done to finish up last year's report.

Next meeting will be November 14th at 6:00 PM.