

Layton Community Council Meeting Minutes  
January 9, 2023

In attendance: Paul Anderson, Nicole Beckstead, Twila Bisk, Brock Jackman, Ryan Mellor (virtually), Natalie Murray, Julie Parkinson, Steve Richards, Melanie Smith (virtually), Michelle Taylor, Justin Whitworth, Melissa Lusk (guest)

Welcome and review of minutes, Nicole Beckstead, Paul motioned to approve, Justin second, unanimous vote to approve.

Digital Citizenship Review: Melissa Lusk-discussed how filters work on devices and that all filtering is mandated by legislature. Internet safety and safe schools are reviewed in STAND classes. Anti-pornography and internet safety presentations are given by the LITE team as well as in drivers ed and health courses during mental health and sex education topics. A new canvas course is available to parents and students as well as anyone who'd like more information. Talked about a flyer sent out to parents and included on the website to inform community about safety protocols. A member asked about a possibility of a community week or speakers coming in to talk about internet safety. Brock mentioned that research shows one big event isn't as effective as several smaller ongoing events but isn't opposed to that as well as a white ribbon week on the high school level. It was suggested that we teach the students the tools to use social media the correct way instead of constantly telling them to get off. Brock mentioned social media has been found to be a positive thing for those who are in marginalized groups due to the sense of community and connection. It was suggested that the council keep our eyes and ears open, to be aware and another front for support for students to use digital media wisely.

Bylaws: Discussed including a timeline and parent involvement plan in our bylaws to give new members and parents an idea of what we do. It was decided that isn't necessary to include them in the bylaws but both would be added to the website. The question was asked if there was a contingency plan if there is a conflict of interest and if we are following bylaws in terms of attendance etc. It was determined that there are contingencies in place and we are currently following the bylaws as they are and no change needs to be made.

Data Review: Potential goals for TSSP plan: Brock would like to continue to keep the three goals we have for this year but tweak them a bit to focus on different areas. For graduation goal, admin would like to focus on reducing failing rates which should in turn increase graduation rates. Growth is in academics, and they (admin) would like to keep the focus on improving scores and improve ACT rates. Sub populations were discussed which includes special needs and special education. LHS is in the bottom 5% right now (along with many other high schools in the district) and is a target school for improvement. It was asked if there would be additional resources from the state to support that improvement. Yes and No. Since the majority of high schools all under this, the state has resources and grants available but they don't directly go towards the school. Those that would like those resources and grants can apply but trust land funds would cover the school directly for support. A question was asked about the graduation rate and what is keeping those 7-8% of students from graduating. It's mostly due to attendance...it was asked what's keeping students from attending. Many factors play into that, students

fall behind and it's easier to not come than try to catch up, no support at home, covid, all students have unique stories and counselors are working hard to get students there. STAND will be adjusted next year to help with interventions and offer more support. CTE/CE goal will be adjusted to include all students not just juniors and seniors.

Next meeting:

Date: February 13, 2023

Time: 3:00 pm

Location: Layton High Main Office

Ryan motioned to adjourn meeting, Paul seconded, unanimous vote in favor.