

**SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
April 12, 2017**

PRESENT

Debbie Allred, Kami Ashton, Angie Daybell, Tonya Gage, Sara Hansen, Stacey Hatch, Cary Hylton, Everett Kelepolo, P. J. Maughan, Brian Ostler, Aaron Popham, Lisa Simmons, Aubrey Thornock

Mark Monson excused

NEBO STUDENT WELLNESS POLICY DISCUSSION

Kari Dutson, our school wellness specialist, led a “healthy discussion” required by the district wellness policy. Our students are required to take health and physical education classes and have many opportunities to participate in physical activities. We have a student Lettuce Club that focuses activities on healthy nutrition. Employees also are encouraged to participate in healthy physical activities. Each insured employee is required to have a physical exam every other year and there are opportunities to participate in the Nebo wellness challenges. The school tracks, spin room, and weight room are also available to staff members and spouses. Students may also use these facilities as long as they are supervised by coaches or trained adults. Ideas for the future include a yoga class, extending the hours for the indoor track and weight room, and evening nutrition and cooking classes perhaps coordinated with the county health department or 4H.

There was a concern that perhaps in some PE classes there is not enough emphasis placed on learning and playing life-long sports. Some fitness classes are more like jogging classes.

ONLINE ACT

Some council members expressed concern that the recent school-administered ACT exam was given as an online test rather than a pencil and paper test. Some students feel that they would have done better taking the pencil and paper exam although preliminary data shows little difference between this year’s and last year’s scores. Next year all juniors in the state will take the test online and this year Nebo School District chose to pilot the online test. Apparently this decision was made last summer but teachers, counselors, and students were not aware of this until just shortly before the exam was given. It was felt that we had known the format of the test earlier more could have been done to prepare students to do well in the online format.

The school will notify parents of students who may not be able to afford the payment for retaking the exam again that there are provisions to help with exam costs for students who are on fee waivers. It was suggested that purchasing a mouse for each Chromebook might also help students navigate the exam better. In any case, the school will be able to better prepare students next year since it is known that the exam will be administered online.

ITEMS FROM PRINCIPAL

Two years from now we will have Spanish immersion students entering our school. Chinese immersion students will arrive in three years. At the high school level there will be a cultural class taught as an extension of the immersion program. We will need to hire teachers for this class and will be working with BYU in this effort. The school district will provide funding for this program.

Concern was expressed that Tiffanie Miley is drawn out of Springville High School too much for her duties as principal at Oakridge School. Dr. Kelepolo explained that we have a teacher on special assignment (Jason Beardall) working with the administration to help make up for the time Tiffanie is working at Oakridge.

There was some talk and speculation about the district replacing the fifty year old Springville High School building. Next year the district plans to go to the voters with a \$150M bond request. That money could begin the process of replacing the building in a step-wise fashion.

OTHER ITEMS FROM THE COUNCIL

None

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING—May 10, 3:00 P.M.

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