**Emery High School Community Council Meeting Minutes**

**Jan. 15, 2016, EHS Library**

**I. Welcome and introductions/roll call:** Chairman John Doria conducted the meeting and welcomed those present- Principal Larry Davis, Counselors Dayna Terry and Ashley Jensen, student members Abram Hadfield, Braydon Roberts, Derek Anderson, Jessica Mason, and Kacey Farnsworth, and council members Mary Huntington, Karen Griffin, and Josh White. The chairman excused the following members- Debbie Wilberg, Steven Furner, Staci Moss, Wendy Fauver, and Diane Carter. Several “Good News” items were presented. Also, the council received a copy of the “Emery High School Report to the Board of Education” from the EHS board meeting in December. The chairman noted that there were no new items under “correspondence” to report.

**II. Old business:**

A. The chairman called for a vote to approve the minutes from the Nov. 4, meeting. Mary Huntington made the motion which was seconded by Dayna Terry. All voted in favor.

B. Update on 9th grade transition to the high school- Mr. Davis updated the council on the proposal to move 9th graders from the junior highs to the high school. Currently, survey data is being reviewed, and district office administrators are scheduling site visits to get input from school faculties.

C. Update on EHS auto program- Mr. Davis reported that the program as it is currently structured and staffed will continue through the rest of the current school year, but the future of the program is in discussion with representatives from Emery High, Emery District, and USU Price. Mr. Davis praised the efforts of the interim instructor Chandler Peacock.

D. Update on evaluations and stakeholder input- Mr. Davis reminded the council that the parent stakeholder and teacher surveys are still active. However, the student stakeholder surveys have been completed and are no longer available. It was noted that the purpose of the surveys is to help drive school improvement. Stakeholder input amounts to 10 percent of the overall teacher/administrator rating.

**III. New Business:**

A. Membership- The chairman explained that all current council members are eligible to return as members for the 2016-17 school year and were encouraged to do so. He noted that it is not necessary to have a child attending the school in order to continue membership.

B. Lands Trust Budget- The council received a printout of the Lands Trust Budget. Mr. Davis noted that he has authorized the purchase of the Naviance program and that funds will also be used to pay for the second semester Introduction to Computer Programming. Council authorization for these procedures were finalized in the November meeting.

C. Accreditation Progress Report- Mr. Davis updated the council on the school’s responsibility to complete the Accreditation Progress Report by the April deadline. The two areas of emphasis are professional development and stakeholder involvement in school culture. Mr. Davis said that the Accreditation Executive Committee met on Jan. 12, to discuss the report and set down plans to meet accreditation requirements.

D. Emery High Counseling Department Report:

1. Law-Enforcement Class- Ashley Jensen reported that the class will begin on Tuesday and will be taught by Shaun Bell of the Emery SO. The curriculum is state-approved and geared to prepare students for a career in law enforcement. There is no cost to the school or district to integrate this program into the EHS schedule.

2. Youth Coalition- Ashley reported on this new organization at EHS and how it is working with 4-Corners Behavioral Health to address youth issues. Several members of the organization will join Ashley on a training trip to Washington D.C. in February.

3. AP Testing Schedule- Ashley noted that the AP testing dates are scheduled and include the new AP Computer Programming class.

4. Life-Skills Class- Dayna Terry reported on the new program designed to help resource students with life-skill needs. The class will be taught by Linda Wilberg who will work with Active Re-entry on course planning and curriculum.

5. Naviance program- Dayna showed a short video to the council, explaining the advantages of the new program, including college readiness, ACT prep, tracking, skills lessons, etc. The program will begin this year with training for school personnel. The parent/student components will be available at the start of the 2016-17 school year. The program will also be initiated in each junior high.

6. iPad Cart- Dayna announced that Emery High has joined with the district office in cost-sharing the purchase of a new iPad Cart. It will be available for use by all faculty members.

**IV. Input from council members:** There were no additional items brought before the council.

**V. Yearly meeting agenda:** The next meeting will be for fourth term and held on Wednesday, March 23, 2016, at 1 pm in the library. It was noted that attendance at that meeting will be essential since approval of several plans and budgets will be on the agenda.

**VI. Other:** A motion to adjourn was made by Mary and seconded by Dayna. The vote was unanimous.