

**Hillcrest Community Council Minutes**  
**February 3, 2014      7:00 A.M.**

Attendees: Cort Christensen, Eric Markworth, Tom Rohrer, Jason Pond, Julie Benson, Reed Tanner, Kate Twohig, Rebecca Landa, DeAnn Lichfield, and JoLyn Carter

January minutes approval: Jason motion to approve, Cort seconded - approved unanimously

Progress report from Eric- They have changed the deadlines when some of our reports are due. We can't access the website until February 18<sup>th</sup> so signatures can't be gathered until then. The progress report is due in March. When that report becomes available I will just send it out to each of you to review and sign. We have already met most of our goals. Some of the test results aren't available so some will be hard to measure, but I will check with teachers to monitor their students. We can talk about the 2015-2016 school plan during our March meeting. I have included the template for putting together that plan so we can think about what is our greatest need.

Thank you for funding the Leader in Me training. It helped to get us prepared and gave us all summer to think and plan to make things happen.

Reed Tanner is here to make a presentation on forming a safety committee here at the school. My background is in law enforcement. Parents want the safest environment for their children. Schools are one of those places. There are several dangerous people in our area, sex offenders and meth addicts. The vast majority of mental illness crises in our county happen at USU. We would like to form a committee to address some of these safety issues. There have been 97 school shootings since Sandy Hook and that trend doesn't seem to be declining. I've been in contact with a school in Bountiful that seems to be cutting edge. The changes they have implemented aren't expensive, but I think we could brainstorm or steal some great ideas to make things safer here.

Cort - Would you be willing to serve as the chairman of that committee? Yes, I would. There are 5-6 parents that are police officers at the school that I think would be willing to serve on the committee. Faculty needs to be on board. DeAnn - I think you would have buy-in across the board from the faculty. We all worry about what would happen in the worst case scenario.

Jason - Is there a district safety person that Reed could use as a resource? With the shake-up at the district office I'm not sure who is serving in that role currently - Dave Long or Marci Belnap.

Eric - We haven't had an evacuation drill since I've been here I would love a committee help me plan one of those drills. Cort motioned for approval, Jason seconded, unanimous approval. Anyone from this body want to be on that board? DeAnn and Eric volunteered.

Eric already purchased the microscopes for the science teacher. Do we want to pay for them with SCC funds or let the school meet that need? It was agreed to save the money for an emergency.

PACE and school grading - I think it was straightforward from our meeting last time.

Testing time line - Writing is done in February, the remainder of the test will be in April and May. Only grades 3-5 do the writing portion. We probably won't get the writing results back until the end of May.

Kate - Do we need to provide snacks for this testing? We didn't plan for it, but we can do it and also provide them for testing later in the year. We are cautiously optimistic about the students preparation for these tests.

Update on superintendent hiring – Applications are due this Friday. They are opening the process to parent input and are bringing in outside help to look at the applications and to get feedback.

How are the budget over-runs at the high school going to affect us at Hillcrest? Maybe we should invite the superintendent or district business manager to give us an update on this. We will invite both the current superintendent and the new superintendent to come to the May meeting.

Cort motioned to dismiss, Jason seconded - Meeting adjourned at 7:40.