

# Sprucewood School Community Council

November 14, 2016

## Meeting Minutes

*Meeting started 4:05 pm*

**Attendees:** Lori Jones, Jason Dyer, Jenni Morgan, Emigh Lo, Pam Clayson, Anna Swallow, Rob Webb (Sandy Police Detective), Dawn Black (Sandy Police)

### 1. Operation Safe Passage

*Dawn Black:* Sandy Police Department Crime Prevention Unit is looking for volunteers to report suspicious activity and be on the lost child call list. Full background check and fingerprints required. Apply at Sandy Police Department.

*Detective Rob Webb:* Rob is part of the Child Abduction Response Team (CART). He would like to give a presentation to parents, teachers, and administration about children at risk, signs to watch for, how to be a good witness, and suicide prevention.

The group discussed ideas for how to get good parent turnout. Lori Jones and others suggested using the Alta HS feeder system to get parents from the elementary, middle, and high schools in our area.

We will plan a night in March 2017 for all of the elementary schools in our feeder system. The presentation will be 45 minutes, plus time for questions. Mrs. Jones would like to have a separate teacher training on a PD day. Mrs. Jones will coordinate with Dawn Black.

### 2. Parent Information for Information Technology

The Operation Safe Passage night in March will be part of SCC's efforts to educate parents.

Information Technology brochures to hand out during spring PTCs. (?)

### 3. Updated Feedback for Bell Schedule

Tess received one written comment from a PTA member:

"Pushing back the bell schedule to 30 minutes later would render me unable to drop off and pick up my elementary school and middle school children within the same time window...making my husband late for work in Provo, and costing us more money in gas...making two separate trips out for each student in the morning and afternoon."

We have received no other parent feedback aside what was discussed in SCC. How can we solicit feedback from parents on the proposed bell schedule? Jenni suggested sending home a paper voting form.

#### 4. What is PBIS?

##### Positive Behavior Interventions & Supports

PBIS is a way for schools to encourage good behavior. The key to PBIS is prevention, not punishment - an instructional approach to discipline. It is proven to lead to better student behavior.

At Sprucewood, we have three main school-wide expectations: Safe, Respectful, Responsible. Each grade level has set expectations and a positive reward system.

Mrs. Jones would like to send home a flyer to parents: Positive Solutions for Families.

#### 5. Amendment B Effects

Utah School Funds Modification Amendment (Amendment B) passed.

A **"yes"** vote was a vote in favor of modifying certain provisions and language relating to distribution, investment, and expenditure for the State School Fund and the Uniform School Fund.

It essentially means more money for schools, and the spending decisions are kept at the school level. The main concern was that if Amendment B didn't pass it would have changed who decides how the money is spent.

*Meeting adjourned at 4:55 pm*