

# Mountain View School Community Council (SCC) Agenda

"You Matter"

January 13, 2023

8:30-9:30 a.m.

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8:15 the following Community Partners will be sharing information: Nuevo Dia through Centro de la Familia, Science Program at the University of Utah, Big Brothers Big Sisters

- 1) Welcome 8:30

J. Finch welcomed parents and students to our meeting.

- 2) Eagle of the Month Awards: Responsibility 8:35

- a) Natalie Hart, School Counselor

Last month the theme was responsibility. These students were nominated by their teachers for demonstrating being responsible. Mr. Finch has a certificate for each student, a t-shirt, and a free crazy bread. Students will also eat lunch with Mr. Finch on Tuesday. Jason invited parents to stay to discuss the rest of the agenda items.

- 3) School Board vote on School Calendars 2023-24, 2024-25, 2025-26:50

- a) Option 3, Earlier start and an earlier end date in May

The schools vote on the school calendar. The result from the previous school board meeting is - option 3 with an early start during the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of August and school ending the week of Memorial Day. This option will be for the next three years. For the current school year, the last day of school is June 9<sup>th</sup>. To give you an idea there were about 4,000 votes for option 1 and 2 and 9,000 votes for option 3. For our school, the parents voted for option 3.

- 4) Update on schools on the west side 8:55

Mr. Finch talked about the changes that are happening to the schools on the west side. He showed image of elementary schools from the Tribune that shows the enrollment of elementary schools. Mountain View is the biggest elementary school in the district. There are three schools that are at 75% capacity or better. Our school has 518 students in a building that can hold 600 students. Schools that are blue are at capacity or above, the schools that are white are above 50% capacity- they are about halfway full. The schools that are yellow are below 50% capacity and are being considered for changes. The smallest schools are Bennion 157, Parkview 201, and Riley 212. We do not need to worry about Mountain View being closed, but we do not know what schools will be closed. They will be closing schools because the district does not have the number of students or the funds to keep this many schools open. The good news is also that they are starting to hear what we are saying- that we need a high school on the west side. They are starting to hear this and begin thinking about this, we do not know their plans but keep talking about it with the district personal. Keri Taddie stated the community is being heard, sending letters and speaking at the school board that this is a need and a want. They must go through their process, and this is difficult as they are talking about closing schools. The district is currently looking at getting the funds to rebuild two high schools, East and Highland, to hold more students but we also know that 1400 students are bused out of the 84104-zip code to go to high schools not near their homes. A good person/resource to talk to is Nichole Swink who has spoken at school board meetings before about this matter. Be present and provide your voice and perspective, we need to keep asking for it.

Question- how do you justify building a new high school when they currently go to East, West, or Highland? The students being bused which presents many logistical challenges for students and families. When a student needs to stay after school for 10 minutes but due to busing does not return home until 5:30. We do not need to be pro or against but ask questions- this is real for our families and our students in the community.

- 5) WIDA Test 9:00

- a) Parent Information

WIDA- English Language Test. We want our students to pass the WIDA test before going to middle school because then they would not have to take an additional class-ELD. This is not a bad thing because it helps them with their English skills. Our goal is to build students skills to be proficient and not need the additional class. This also will take away a class of their choosing. There are papers in the back to help prepare their child for the WIDA and do their very best. It is not a test you can study for, but if a student can read, listen, write, and speak in English. On the day that your students are taking the test, make sure they get plenty of sleep and

breakfast. Note we do provide breakfast every morning at Mountain View. The other thing is to talk to your child about the importance of doing your very best so the results are accurate about what they really do or do not know. Take your time, listen carefully, and do your best. The best thing you can do is speak to your students and have them speak to you, ask lots of questions so they speak in complete sentences.

Question- Is there a time restriction? No, they can take as long as they need. The listening takes about 45 minutes, but they can take as much time as they need. There is a timer to respond to the question. Any practice at home is encouraged. We remind our students to think about what they want to say before clicking the button to respond.

A lot of students are very embarrassed to speak on the computer and when near other students. We test small groups to give them space.

#### 6) Summer School Information

9:10

Yesterday the district shared with principals information about the summer program. Enrollment begins in March and continues to May 5<sup>th</sup>. 50 to 60 students will be enrolled at MVES and more will be enrolled at the CLC with learning lab. Last year the summer school program was paid with COVID funds, there were teachers there to provide academic support, and it was all day. This year it will be from 8:00-1:00. Breakfast will be at 8:30 and lunch will be at 11:30. It will be four hours of enrichment and one hour of eating. It will run four days a week. It is extension learning not academics. They will have math and reading on the computer but not instruction from a teacher. More enrichment and experiential learning. If you want this for your student know that it is shorter than last year. More information will come as we get closer. The program will run from June 20<sup>th</sup> to July 28<sup>th</sup> for 6 weeks.

#### 7) Diana Lenart, Teacher spotlight

9:15

Diana teaches 5<sup>th</sup> grade on the English side of DLI. Ms. Lenart thanked the families, this is her second year at Mountain View and eighth year in education. She is from Michigan and taught fourth grade in Detroit and then taught 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade in Odgen. She moved to Salt Lake with her husband, cat, and dog. She lives in Rose Park and loves the community and all the love and support they give their children. The reason she stays in teaching is the students. Every child deserves to be believed in and loved for who they are. They can be who they are and be celebrated for who they are. We will grow as a community, treat everyone with kindness, and we will grow together. She cares about their academics, and that they are capable of getting all the tools they need to be successful in live and meet their goals. She wants her students to emerge as readers because that is what they need to grow and gather new knowledge. She invites parents to read together, talk about reading, asking questions and create positive moments around education. Ms. Lenart is a second language learner herself, with her first language Polish, she connects with her students learning a language through school.

#### 8) Adjourn

9:30

This concludes our meeting, but Mr. Finch wants to ask one final question. He wants to make our meetings informative and as helpful as possible. His question- are there things you would like to hear about in our upcoming meetings? Share now or email Mr. Finch with topics or questions.

Email about pre-enrollment. This is for students who are out of boundary to apply to be in our school for the next school year. It gives us an idea of who will be here next year.

Dress code- back to the discussion and report on how we are doing with dress code. Jackets in the classroom. Encouraged to have these conversations early so families do not buy clothes they do not need.

Gather signatures for West side high school- letter with signatures and a survey as well. SCC chair is working on this.

Our school is pre-school, kinder through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Glendale is 6<sup>th</sup> grade through 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

Do students automatically get into the DLI program? The best chance to get in is kinder with 50 openings, versus older grades may only have 5 openings. We will bring a teacher to talk about the program and our enrollment.

*The meeting will adjourn promptly at 9:30 am. Any items not covered will be moved to the start of the next meeting. All patrons of the school are invited to attend meetings.*

#### Upcoming SCC Meetings:

February 10, 2023

March 10, 2023

April 7, 2023

May 12, 2023

June 2, 2023

#### Upcoming School Events

Books & Breakfast, Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 8:30

Asynchronous Day, Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> **No School**