

**Viewmont High School
Community Council Minutes
October 11, 2017**

In attendance: Brooke Holman, Amy MacKay, Tanja Watts, Jenny Pitt, Jason Smith, Malissa Wolfer, Karen Findley, Sheila Berbert, Val Johnson, April Fenn, Marci Abbott, Hollie Barenz, Nicki Ellis, Ben Hill, Stephen Gutke, Sam Erickson **Excused:** Ricki Wach-Cook, Shawn Johnson, Shalice Larsen **Not in attendance:** Amy Hansen, Arthur Petersen, Dave Tate, Alayne VanWagoner, Brigham Inkley, Carli Dial

Welcome: Jenny Pitt

Discussion Items:

1. Jenny Pitt welcomed everyone and introduced the council members.
2. Jenny Pitt led a discussion about the purpose of the Community Council and encouraged members to View the training film that is posted on the Trustland website that illustrates the purpose of Community Councils. 3.3 million acres of land called Trust Lands is used to generate revenue in the state of Utah. A portion of the dividends are distributed to schools throughout Utah. The purpose of our Community Council is to work with the administration to determine the best ways to use the Trustland funds that are allocated to Viewmont High School that benefit students and teachers and are in alignment with the School Improvement Plan (SIP). There is a state sponsored training on November 1st. Members were encouraged to attend the training.
3. Ben Hill talked about the Community Council elections that were held in September. Two seats were open and filled. Jenny Pitt was re-elected - Brooke Holman was elected. The final report for the 2016-17 school year was distributed for everyone to view and is ready to submit. The final report will be posted on the Viewmont web page. Information was distributed on this years school improvement goals. The school will continue to work on improving ACT scores and graduation rates. The school will continue to improve data collection, collaboration, and technology training which included Canvas training this past summer. He explained that an amendment needs to be made to our current plan due to increased enrollment. At the end of the summer Viewmont found itself in an understaffed position. We had 1,947 students and were staffed for 1,880 students. The district offered additional FTE but with the condition of the school and the huge construction project there was no room to house new teachers. He explained that they were able to take advantage of this by freeing up Trustland funds that had been designated for Base Camp, Viking Masters SRC, and the upgraded Red Ink program which was not available at this time. These changes refunded approximately \$40,000 back to the Trustland account to be used in some other way. It was decided that we will submit the amendment to the state to adjust the plan next month when we vote on how the funds will be spent.
4. Jason Smith led a discussion on Blended Learning and Digital Curriculum. Each department has a mobile computer lab which is being utilized more than ever. Teachers have a vision of the value of digital curriculum. His vision for the school within the next 2 to 3 years is to have a device/laptop available for every students every period so that each teacher has their own mobile lab as opposed to sharing labs. Mr. Smith shared that he can see the value in what Centerville Junior High is doing in the

Math area with Blended Learning. Computers are imperative to engaging students. Teachers are recognizing the value of digital learning and he feels that Trustland funding will be critical in purchasing more computer carts and digital curriculum.

5. The Community Council will meet again on Wednesday, November 15th at 2:30 pm in the main office conference room.
6. Ben Hill made a motion to adjourn. 2nd by Valerie Johnson.