In attendance:
Brian Mangum
Genet Orme
Herb Stoddard
Nate Warner
Cynthia Carter
Todd McKee
Rhonda Wall
Mitzi Collins
Eleanor McBride
Lisa Jensen
Amy Andrus
Tricia Stoddard

Non voting attendance:
Marsha Judkins (school board member)
Alan Myrup

Meeting started at 2:35
Meeting conducted by Herb Stoddard, Community Council Chair

1. Review of minutes from last meeting. Minutes were approved via email November 2013.

2. Dr. McKee –
   a. explanation of accreditation process underway. Any council members available to be part of the meeting with the visiting team, please email Dr. McKee. This meeting will be the first week of March.
   b. presentation of Parent Guide – council members were invited to give feedback if they have any

3. Legislative report by Rhonda Wall


Sen. Dabakis – Joint Resolution on the Protection of the Greater Canyonlands Region

Rep. Cunningham – School Children’s Trust Section Amendments – This bill will codify that the state office of ed can give trainings to: school board members, district administrators, and parents. It may also move one required date forward (from Nov. 15th to Oct 15th) asking schools to put the names of those elected to serve into the School LAND trust website to facilitate training happening earlier.

SB111: Sen. Osmond – Education Funding Equalization – This bill will remedy the basic levy tax rate formula currently in law and create a floor for that rate, it then directs the money to flow directly to SCCs. Sen. Osmond is predicting $20 million to school’s the first year, Bruce Williams from USOE is anticipating $38 million.
4. School budget proposals

#1: Summer wetlands course proposal. Approximately $5700 for 1 week. One term of credit. Opened to Provo High also. Tentatively scheduled for the 2nd week in July.

This class was built as an accelerated offering, not remedial. Students need to have a B or better, with the intent that these will be responsible, independent workers. No students that participated last year could also participate this year.

This is not being formally offered to Provo High students, though they are welcome to participate. As such, no request for funding has been presented to Provo High’s Community Council.

This shouldn’t steal participants from the geology class because the geology class focuses on remediation.

Suggestions/stipulations: minimum number of students participating; if approved, advertise this in the PTA newsletter to solicit participation

#2: Summer field earth science (geology) classes -- dual purpose: to help kids that need remedial science; and to get them excited about science. Mr. Mangum lowered his request to $4000 total for 2 separate weeks. One term of credit for each. Opened to Provo High also.

Ty Robison of Provo High received $4000 USTAR funding to pay for the other half of the cost.

Suggestions/stipulations: track ACT/explore/plan scores before and after to see if these experiences really help improve student performance.

Motion by Lisa Jensen to approve BOTH science summer offerings as requested ($5700 to wetlands and $4000 to geology). Seconded by Amy Andrus. Approved unanimously.

#3: Request for one more 42 chromebook lab and 3 lab carts. This will cost $17,477.40

This will be facilitated by giving the current English Department ipad lab to the language department because the English department finds greater use out of the chromebook labs.

Since there is no rush on the carts being ordered, it would be a good contingency plan to wait on approving them.

Motion by Nate Warner to approve funding for 1 lab and 1 cart, $13,686.94. Seconded by Brian Mangum. Approved unanimously.

#4: Drop the Honors Geography course available to 9th graders and replace it with AP Geography. This will cost $120/book for 120-160 students, totalling $14,400-19,200

It may be helpful to wait until 9th grade registration has been initiated to get an idea of how many students will actually sign up for this class.

Herb motioned to table this until after registration has started; Nate seconded. Approved unanimously.

#5: Nate Warner requested assistance funding AP exams for low income students. It would be helpful to set aside some funding for the approximately 100 students that could benefit from reducing their cost by $25 per test.

Amended to be a maximum of $3000. Motion to approve this by Tricia Stoddard. Seconded by Dr. McKee. Approved unanimously.

Adjourned at 3:35.

Next meeting February 25th