In attendance:
Brian Mangum
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)
Clay Bingham
Ford White
Meeting started at 2:40
Meeting conducted by Herb Stoddard, Community Council Chair
1. January minutes were approved via email.
2. Herb reported about proposed bond to rebuild several schools and encouraged everyone to support it.
3. Legislative report by Rhonda Wall

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: The session is half over, here are where some important bills surrounding Trust Lands and School Community Councils stand. Please note that legislation can
change quickly with amendments and substitute bills but the links will provide details on any changes.

HB221 SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL REVISIONS – Sponsor: Representative Cunningham
The bill proposes to eliminate some required dates related to elections as long as the process of election and subsequent appointment of council members, along with required website postings are completed by October 20th. It also clarifies some training requirements that are current practice. This bill is being run at the request of the School Children’s Trust Section at the Utah State Office of Education, and is supported by the State Board of Education and PTA. This bill is scheduled to be heard in the House this morning, and it is anticipated will pass. The bill will then move to the Senate.
http://le.utah.gov/~2014/bills/static/HB0103.html

SB111S2 EDUCATION FUNDING EQUALIZATION – Sponsor: Senator Osmond
This bill freezes the minimum basic rate for property taxes and allows school districts to capture the increased revenue from property valuation increases, thus generating more money for schools at the local level. It also would send 25% of new money to school community councils for preparation of the School LAND Trust plans. The remaining 75% of new money would also go to councils but with some stipulations set by local school board about how the funds would be allocated between schools and for what purposes. This doesn’t supplant the current revenue coming from the school trust. This bill is supported by the State Board of Education. PTA currently has a Reserve Position, it will be voted on by the Senate this morning, if it passes PTA will continue working with the sponsor.
http://le.utah.gov/~2014/bills/static/SB0111.html

HCR4 CONCURRENT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SCHOOL AND INSTITUTIONAL TRUST LANDS ADMINISTRATION Sponsor: Representative Brown
This is a resolution of the legislature and governor recognizing the 20 years of leadership, management and accomplishments of the Utah School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration. This includes the increase in revenues from $86 million to $1.7 billion now in the permanent funds. This bill has passed both the House and the Senate and will now go to the Governor for his signature.
http://le.utah.gov/~2014/bills/static/HCR004.html

SCHOOL AND INSTITUTIONAL TRUST LANDS AND FUNDS MANAGEMENT PROVISIONS – Sponsor: Representative Brown
This bill is still being drafted, but is expected to become public today. It will change the management of the permanent State School Fund where the revenue from school trust lands is deposited and invested. Management of the fund will be overseen by a volunteer board of long-term investment professionals. The board will set policy and hire the investment officer. The state treasurer will be chairman of the board and the only state employee on the board. It will provide checks and balances that are not currently in the system. This bill is being run at the request of the School Children’s Trust Section at the Utah State Office of Education, and is supported by the State Board of Education. As soon as the bill is available publicly PTA will be able to take a position.

4. Clay Bingham – presentation of school improvement plan process. A committee is in place and has met to discuss initial ideas regarding literacy and math. (There are 4 English teachers, 2 science teachers, 1 math teacher, and 1 social studies teacher on the committee.) They are looking for ideas that will last and will steer the school in the right direction. All proposals will be reviewed by the department chairs and the community council.
5. Ford White – There is a need for parents to be involved with the accreditation committee at 10am on March 5th. If you are available, email Ford.

Adjourned at 3:25.

Next meeting March 25th