Cedar Middle School - Community Council Agenda 10/14/2025

Attendees: Jennifer Wilson 6th and 8th grader, Ryan Le 8th grader, Lisa Allred, Candace Rowley, Bylynda Murray, Paula Troxell

- 1. Welcome and Pledge
 - i. Welcome by Mrs. Murray, pledge by Paula Troxell
- 2. Review of Rules of Order and Procedure (Action Item)
 - i. Paper copies reviewed by all members; Paula Troxell moved to accept rules of order & procedure, Lisa Allred seconded, all council members in favor
 - b. Formatting has changed since we adopted these
- 3. Re-election of council members and 2 year term limits
 - i. Process reviewed by council in order to clarify questions from previous meeting; Ryan Le motioned to update Rules of Order to include more parent members; Paula Troxell seconded motion; Mrs. Murray will check with the state and put on agenda next time
 - b. Here is a breakdown of the process based on Utah Code \$53G-7-1202\$:
 - 1. Term Expiration: All elected parent and employee positions are for a fixed two-year term. When a member's two-year term expires, that position becomes open for election.
 - 2. Successive Terms: A member can serve successive terms, but they do so by running as a candidate for the newly open position in the election process. The law states that a member "may serve successive terms provided the member continues to meet the eligibility requirements."² This means the incumbent must re-qualify and be re-elected.
 - 3. The Exception (Uncontested Race): An election is not required if the number of candidates who file for a position (including the incumbent) is less than or equal to the number of open positions.³ In this case, the candidates are automatically appointed to the two-year term.
 - 4. In summary, an incumbent seeking a third, fourth, or successive term must declare their candidacy and participate in the election. Their spot is not automatically extended, but they do have the advantage of being the incumbent candidate.
- 4. Review of Internet Safety and Computer Use at CMS
 - i. Explained by Mrs. Murray, reading a statement from Mr. Roy Matthews, ICSD Secondary Director
 - b. District Filter and how they work
- 5. 4 Day Work Week
 - i. Explained by Mrs. Murray, ICSD presentation shown to council explaining the background, showing sample calendar, questions about length of school day answered district is proposing adding 35 minutes to the CMS school day (starting at the same time and going until 3:15), Lisa Allred shared an anecdote about a teacher figuring that the 4-day week calculates more instructional time than the 5 day week, council concerns and solutions shared, survey concerns shared, possible schedules shared, town hall info shared.
 - b. Feedback and discussion
 - i. Mrs. Murray was asked what her view is & said from the point of improved attendance and teacher morale she would be in favor; worries about students who struggle academically due to time restraints from a longer school day but parents who are at work past 3 currently aren't giving that attention to homework anyway, ICSD decision will be made in January, what would the impact be on SUU/STech?
- 6. Report on Math Funding
 - i. Mrs Murray will put this item on a later agenda when math teachers are invited/present
- 7. Amendment to current plan to (action item)
 - i. Paula Troxell moved that if items fit in budget, they will be funded; Lisa Allred seconded motion; council unanimously approved
 - b. ipads for translation
 - c. possible reading aide
- 8. Reminder of Schedule of Community Council Meetings for the 2025-2026 School Year:
 - a. November 19th 3:00
 - b. January 21st 3:00
 - c. February 18th 3:00
 - d. March 18th 3:00

- 9. Other Items
 - i. Ryan Le asked how 8th graders are being prepared for high school (deadlines, keeping up with work, etc.)
 - ii. Mrs. Murray & Lisa Allred explained ways that students and teachers stay on top of their work (advisory routines/emails, class routines, grade checks, etc.); Mrs. Murray will ask some 8th grade teachers to share some information at the next meeting about how they are preparing their students
- 10. Adjourn
- i. Paula Troxel moves to adjourn; Jennifer Wilson seconded