

**ALBION MIDDLE SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**OCT. 10, 2013, 4:00 pm**

**Attending:** Joanne Ackerman, Cathy Nelson, Ivan Flint, Will Powley, Deanna Young, Joelle Peterson, Mark Haycock, Jenifer Johnson, Stanton Akana, Kristi Reardon, Quinn Silcox, Lisa Anderson, Camie Lloyd, Jordan Lynn, Matthew Erdmans, Marianne Bates. (Camie Lloyd, Cathy Nelson, and Marianne Bates are non-voting members)

**MINUTES:**

1. Minutes from the previous meeting were approved
2. Joanne gathered the SCC homework and reported on the results of the teacher survey on possible use of additional Land Trust funds. Teachers would like 6 additional computers for the mobile labs. The current “extra” laptops do not keep their charge and cannot be used for a whole day. The SCC unanimously approved the motion to add 6 laptops to each of the mobile labs using the additional Land Trust money.
3. Camie Lloyd reviewed the following:
  - a. Albion Attendance Policy: The policy is different for 6<sup>th</sup> grader; parents are responsible for truancy. For 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders, the students are responsible. The council reviewed the policy which includes notifying parents three different times and may include referring students and parents to classes for time management and/or a referral to truancy court. Joanne mentioned that in the past parents had been confused about what an excused absence was. Excused absences include vacation release (10 days per year), doctor’s note, bereavement, and extended sickness (with doctor’s note). Just because a parent knows that the student is not at school does not “excuse” them. Parents will be notified about the attendance policy in the near future.
  - b. PBIS: Albion spent the first week training students in behavioral expectations. We are trying to emphasize positive behavior through Goblets of Goodness, Knight of the Day, Fun Fridays, etc. We are stressing “Doing It the Knight Way.” When students make mistakes, we are trying to reteach appropriate behaviors. We will retrain students after the Fall Break. Part of PBIS is also expecting quality work from students.
  - c. Lunchtime Enrichment: This program will begin next Monday in the library. Students will eat a sack lunch in the library and will work on

assignments not completed. Lunchtime enrichment will be held every day.

- d. UCAS(Utah Comprehensive Accountability System): This evaluation takes the place of AYP (Annual Yearly Progress) Schools are evaluated on achievement and progress. In addition, the Utah Legislature is grading every school. Albion received a B. Part of the reason for the score is that our students have high scores, but do not have high “improvement” scores. Joanne explained that the grading system is very controversial and will probably be reexamined in the upcoming legislative session.
4. Cathy Nelson reported on Explore testing which took place today. This test is an indicator of college success and is the first in the sequence of Explore, Plan and ACT testing. Cathy thanked the SCC for helping to provide a testing aide who helped with the testing. This month counselors have been giving strategic tips for testing and presenting a goals and dreams lesson, as well as helping students learn how to balance school and extra-curricular activities. Soon they will begin meeting with 8<sup>th</sup> grade students and their parents individually.
  5. We will have Michelle email everyone about the sub-committees and what we want to accomplish through them. Joanne noted that the administration wanted community feedback about the 6<sup>th</sup> grade transition, bullying, and PBIS, and thought that the committees might be able to provide that feedback.
  6. Next meeting: Nov. 21, 2013 at 3:00. This will be the meeting with the consultant about the qualities of the new superintendent. Joanne clarified in an email on October 11<sup>th</sup> that this meeting would NOT be for the general public, but would be for the SCC and PTA leadership to give feedback.