

10/11/18 Silver Summit Academy Meeting
4:30 p.m. Silver Summit Academy Building

In attendance: Tonya Bastick, Matthew Ward, Jennifer Thomas, Robert Patrick, Annie Grappone, Jeff Greiner, and Karin Wilson

Meeting was called to order at 4:33 p.m.

First order of business was to review our goal of supporting Silver Summit Academy's mission of providing personalized education through the use of one on one tutoring and technology.

Proposed Amendment 1: In order to provide extra math support in the important middle school years, a math aid will be hired to assist the teacher of the 6th, 7th and 8th grade math classes. Cost: \$9,000.

Proposed Amendment 1 passed unanimously.

Proposed Amendment 2: To encourage academic success by creating a tangible link between each student and their plans for post-secondary opportunities. Silver Summit Academy will purchase and support via counselors a program which enables students to develop a meaningful plan for the future as a guide to academic success. Cost: \$1,400 per year.

Proposed Amendment 2 passed unanimously.

Robert Patrick will have the seniors use the Kuder program, and then the other High School students. 8th grades will use it next quarter, and then 7th graders.

CCA will be completed with the Kuder program. GPA/ACT is entered, and that will compute the % chance of getting into each college. Annie tried it as a 12th grader, and thinks this will give us places to grow with electives. Robert will use it to map out the 4 years of high school and what it takes to get into college. Administrators will use this to identify potential electives in the 60 career clusters.

South Summit School District pays \$200 to complete a "Pathway." They offer pathways in Medical, Commercial Art and Engineering, among others. This satisfies two components of accreditation. They also offer an education foundation for scholarships. Each student can receive \$1,000 for applying for 10 scholarships. These have to be legitimate requiring an essay and a specific GPA. The kids also need to make calls for 2 hours to ask for funds.

SSA has list of local scholarships available. Some are need based, and others are based on essays. The teacher hat kids write about also earn a gift card. The Remind app sends students notifications about due dates, application openings, etc. Robert will meet with students about their applications. Anyone asking for letters of recommendation needs to request them 1 month in advance. BYU is the only Utah school that wants a teacher recommendation. Most recommendation letters are for scholarships. It's very easy to apply for college in Utah. It just requires a credit card. the U has a deadline for Honors college and housing. The hardest part is getting students to check email. 2 students missed a Regent's scholarship. Amy will get deadlines sent out to students.

It has been tough to get Seniors on campus. Most of their classes are online. Juniors are half and half. 6-10th grade most students are here all of the time.

First quarter closes Tuesday. Crowded on Fridays, but they held strong to deadlines. The quality of work is high. Foreign language is a sticking point. Mr. Greiner will probably hire a tutor for languages. BYU

and Utah both require 2 years for language. They will check with the consulates about language training funding and curricula. Annie is asking if there is grant money for language. The online classes don't give the instant feedback needed for language learning.

Seniors need community service hours.

PTO has 5-6 parents interested in board positions. Once the board is established, Annie will hand it over to the parents. First order of business will be t-shirt designs for spirit wear. They will have open meetings starting in December.

New receptionist Kat Simmons will be sending the Wednesday emails about Friday attendance.

Expansion into new building will add 6 classrooms and open space for a temporary elementary school. Eventually it will be 6/7/8th grade, although 8th will be between both buildings. Tenant has a different timeline. They're pouring concrete in March for their new building.

Elementary is maxed out. When the weather turns, it will be harder to manage. Kids need space to run around. Once they're in the new building, their space will become the cafeteria.

Mr. Greiner is looking forward to test scores. Annie is getting students interested in the midterm elections. She plans to teach government in the fall in 2018 and 2020.

Next meeting is November 8, 2018 at 4:30 p.m.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:37 p.m.