

Newman School Community Council

April 5, 2017

In attendance: Deb Andrews, Dan Aragon, Jorge Zamora, Margarita Perez, Angelique Morrill, Adrienne Warren, Adam Sagers

1. Ms. Andrews welcomed the council and introduced Rebekah Huber from the University of Utah. Ms. Huber discussed a longitudinal study that they are participating in with the National Institute of Health. Students must speak English and interpreters are provided for parents. The study is comprehensive and families will be compensated (\$200 for parents and \$100 for students). The study is similar to the Adverse Childhood Experiences study.
2. Ms. Andrews discussed the first draft of the School Improvement Plan, which includes challenges, root causes, and action items. Ms. Perez asked for clarification about what the school will do to improve attendance and wondered if incentives would help. She also wondered when students are removed from school if they are out of boundary. Mr. Zamora suggested that back to school night could be adjusted to be more effective to discuss the attendance policies and procedures at school. The council discussed home visits and Mr. Zamora and Ms. Perez are both supportive of this concept.
3. The council gave feedback about the Community Conversation flier. Changes will be made, it will be translated and it will be strategically distributed.
4. Action items for next meeting: changes to flier
5. The next meeting will be on May 3, 2017 at 6PM.