

**Panguitch Elementary Community Council**  
**April 20, 2016**

Present: Principal Nick Reynolds, Jacie Torgersen, Rachel Finch, Laura Cox, Annie Anderson & Leslie Fonger

**1. Welcome and Calendar:**

The meeting was held at the district office and the meeting began at 10am. Mr. Reynolds went over some upcoming dates for school activities:

- \*May 18<sup>th</sup> – District Track Meet
- \*May 19<sup>th</sup> – Special Library Activity
- \*May 24<sup>th</sup> – Ag Day which will be at Alton Coal Mine (3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>)
- \*May 27<sup>th</sup> – Last Day of School

He also reviewed numbers and statistics from the school on the number of absences and tardies during the year. The results are back from the SAGE testing for science. The 6<sup>th</sup> grade was up 15% from last year and the 5<sup>th</sup> grade was up 20%. The 4<sup>th</sup> grade did really well also, this was their first year taking it. The school is really excited about the results. He said they have had more science instruction this year with the rotating classes. Mr. Reynolds is hopeful that the other subjects will show improvement from last year also. The teachers are working together in making sure all the subject material is covered before the test dates.

The legislature is trying to get rid of the SAGE tests. The State Office of Education has spent 20 million on SAGE testing not counting individual districts. The legislature passed a new bill that a teacher's salary can no longer be tied to the SAGE tests. Escalante has had 20% of their students opt out of the testing. This will really hurt their school, it will affect the school's grade. Panguitch Elementary has not had any kids opt out.

**2. Budget Plans:**

Since our last meeting the school district approved money to pay for the National Geographic's for the school, so they will not have to come out of our budget. The district did receive the Beverly Taylor grant for the elementary schools for the upcoming year. They would like to hire an art specialist this time. This individual would need to be a certified teacher. The school will lose one aide next year to do budget cuts of the Title I money. As previously discussed last time the Trust Lands money will be used to help cover the costs of the other aides.

**3. School Plans:**

After reviewing and discussing the Panguitch Elementary Schoolwide Plan Jacie Torgersen motioned to accept the plan and Laura Cox seconded the motion, the vote was unanimous.

**4. Parent Discussions/Concerns**

The school has received one special education application so they will interview for that position again. The district has also received 4 applications for the speech therapist job and they will be interviewing for that next week. There were 17 kids that registered for kindergarten last week. The school needs to have 30 students to have 2 kindergarten classes. The school knows of 28 kids that are that age so they expect the enrollment to high enough to have two classes.

The meeting adjourned at 10:40am.