

School Community Council
February Follow-up

The school board has approved the changes to our plan. We ordered 20 new graphing calculators and they are here and being used. We will also be paying the PLC team leaders a stipend this spring.

Mr. Petersen reviewed the process for being involved with caucuses. He suggested that the council attend their caucuses. He told the council that we need people who are involved with education to be elected so education will be represented. The Democrat Caucuses will be held March 18 and the Republican Caucuses will be held March 20.

Bear River Middle School will be going through an accreditation on March 26 and 27. Bryce Day presented the review to the council and showed them the findings, goals and action plan that we will be presenting to the accreditation team. Bryce has created a blog and it can be reviewed at BRMS.accreditation.blog Bryce has put a lot of time in preparing this and BRMS is very grateful for his time and willingness to help us get our review ready.

Mr. Petersen talked about the projected enrollment for the next four years. We will have a little decline next year and then we will see an increase. The projected numbers are:

2015-16	674
2016-17	695
2017-18	752
2018-19	738

This does not include the self-contained students.

With an increase of students, we need to think about classrooms, computers and textbooks. This led to the discussion of computers, e-books and e-textbooks. Mr. Petersen presented a plan to look into buying a classroom set of portable computers. He showed the council two different devices. Chromebooks would cost \$15,404.92 for a classroom set. Lenovo Thinkpads would cost \$30,378.40 for a classroom set. After much discussion, the council could see that this is the way we need to go.

The next meeting will be April 17 at 3:00 in the media center.

Those in attendance: Lisa Beard, Jon Call, Ben Browning, Jamie Kent, Eldon Petersen, Earl Stuart, Bryant Curtis, Miriam Laker, Sheila Moore, Trisha Giles, Kip Heiner, Stacy Church, Penny Wallace, Bryce Day and Janet Stark