

**Red Hills Middle School  
400 S. 600 W.  
Richfield, Utah 84701**

**School Community Council Meeting  
Thursday, January 9, 2014  
3:15 to 4:30 p.m.**

**Minutes**

1. Welcome  
Members present: Staff: Selena Terry, Debi Poulson, Cinnamon Holsclaw, Heidi Elmer, Steve Peterson  
Community Members: Alison Merchant, Kristi Allred, Janna Thalman, Debbie Bate
2. Approval of Community Council minutes from November 14, 2013
3. District EPAS goals for 8<sup>th</sup> grade EXPLORE test were shared. Reading scores were below the district goals, but all other scores were above the district goals.
4. 5 x 5 Block Scheduling. Information was provided about a proposed 5 x 5 block for Richfield High School and the impact it would have on RHMS.
  - a. Benefits of the 5 x 5 block would include the opportunity to build in common planning time for teachers and provide time for interventions and extensions.
  - b. Limitations would include a reduction in instructional time for students not involved in intervention or honors classes. The school is not currently staffed for a block schedule, which could result in higher class sizes for core classes.
  - c. Discussion also covered the impact of a 5 x 5 schedule on math classes, non-core classes and the needs of RHS. Parent members of the council were concerned about whether a 5 x 5 was appropriate for middle school aged students.
5. A discussion of the procedures for schools to acquire monies from the voted leeway to provided technology tools for school in the district was discussed. Parent members of the council were asked to provide input on what opportunities they would like their students have in the classroom. Parents were not necessarily in favor of 1 to 1 devices, but expressed the desire for their students not to be "left behind" in regards to technology education.
6. The meeting concluded at 4:30 PM. The next meeting is set for March 20, 2014.