

Community Council—January 31, 2018

Attendees: Darcey Spendlove, Heather Layton, Cindy Barker, Steve Leavenworth, Sandi Gubler

1. State of La Verkin: Staffing and Title I: Changes in the Title I status of some schools are pending based on percentages of students who qualify for free and reduced lunch. Some schools may be cut from the Title I program, but looking for ways to prevent that from happening. The goal is for schools that will keep their Title I status for the 2018-2019 school year to share some of their funding with the schools who are in danger of being cut from the program. Staffing for 2018-2019 school year is based on projected student enrollment. Uncertain at this point how we will be affected; may need to use Trustlands funds to go to staffing, also depending on Title I situation. Awaiting the school board's final decision.

Title I program is designed to help even the playing field between schools in low income areas as opposed to more affluent areas. La Verkin Elementary's Sage scores are rising as compared to other Title I schools' scores. When we asked what the reasons might be, we were told that it's mainly because the teachers and staff all truly care about the students' success...it's not just a job. We love the kids. The Leader In Me Program has been a huge help as well, as we are teaching kids to be empowered and to take charge of their success and rise above the challenges they may face in their lives. La Verkin Elementary also has many outstanding parents who volunteer their time to help all kids, not just their own, in the community council and PTO. A parent survey was suggested and will be considered.

2. Training: School LAND Trust Training Video was shown and discussed.
3. Plan ideas: Next meeting we will discuss the plan for next school year.
4. Odds and Ends: Potential growth and a new school were discussed but as we are not the area with the most growth, it's not likely that we will see a new school in the foreseeable future

