Valley View Community Council

November 16, 2022 1:30 pm Valley View Library

In attendance:

Perry Mills, Kassandra Alcocer (online), Janel Hulbert, Phil Nestoryak, Nancy Fulmer Absent:

David Craig

- 1. Welcome Phil Nestoryak
- 2. Looked over and voted on minutes from the last meeting. Nancy motioned to approve, Kassandra seconded the motion.
- 3. Ryan James from the Weber School District did a presentation on Tech safety in the district.

Digital Citizenship Presentation

The three main areas Mr. James covered were:

- Utilizing tech properly and effectively
- Teach how the district is filtering our tech use
- How we teach our digital literacy

We went over three main ways the district helps kids stay safe online. (See linked presentation for additional info)

- They use Web Filtering, Monitoring, and Instruction.

FILTERING

- The district filters through <u>iboss</u>. This system is constantly learning and adjusting as things are tagged by the schools or district.
- Things in the district are filtered and monitored according to the different ages and grades. Some categories or sites are blocked for everyone, some are open depending on the different ages, or just for staff. Social media is mostly blocked.
- The District is CIPA compliant.

MONITORING

For monitoring the district uses **BARK** and the school as well as parents get reports.

- Perry Mills from the council asked how Bark keeps up with all the changing things that kids say and do online. We were told BARK constantly gets data from all over the US as well as our district so it's adjusting all the time.
- Kassandra Alcocer mentioned how BARK helped a student her child personally knew, and provided a learning opportunity for her child as well because she was informed by the email.
- Ryan James shared how BARK has saved lives and kept our schools more safe.
- If an email is flagged that doesn't mean the student is automatically in trouble it just provides an opportunity for the school admin and parents to look at it and see what is going on.
- Any types of threats reported are taken seriously and acted on by local police if necessary.

INSTRUCTION

- Does Technology use equal Digital Literacy? No, we have to teach students how to use technology in productive and positive ways.
- Common Sense Media is a good resource for parents.
- Another resource for parents is, "The Art of Screen Time" by Anya Kamenetz.
- When your students are online, be with them.
- Monitor your kids technology use
- Perry from the Council suggested that Xfinity has good parent controls, and also that you can turn the screen to grayscale to encourage less use.
- Ideas to help Parents engage and understand the resources available was to possibly have a community night on the topic.

- 5. Motion to adjourn meeting by Janel Hulbert, Nancy Fulmer seconded that motion.