

USBA Board Training

The Kane County School Board members recently attended a professional development training sponsored by the Utah School Boards Association (USBA). The training included helping students in poverty, open meeting laws, supporting students in trauma, school land trust plans, crucial conversations, legislative requirements, and bringing back the arts and community engagement. The local school board members received specialized presentations in each of these areas which helps to fulfill the statutory requirements for the boards in these areas. In the training that addressed students in poverty, we were informed there are approximately 105 students who are classified as living in poverty in the Kane School District. We currently have 45% of our students accessing the free and reduced lunch program compared to 33 % across the state. Kane is in the middle of the state average in the free and reduced lunch program with Ogden City leading the state with numbers exceeding 73% and Morgan School District with lowest number of students accessing free and reduced lunch at 12.36%. We encourage all parents to apply for free and reduced as it allows students to receive breakfast and lunch at a free or reduced cost. Additionally, many federal funded programs are connected to the number of free and reduced lunch applications. If students qualify for free or reduced lunch, their eligibility is confidential. The USBA training allows us to bring additional resources, programs, and increase awareness back to the district where the information can help students and improve our local district. I would like to thank the school board members for taking time from their careers to attend the professional development training and continually working to improve the quality of educational in our district.

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