

Centerville Junior High School
Community Council Meeting
Wednesday November 16, 2016

Agenda/Minutes

1. **Welcome (Amy Mackay)** – Welcome to our new CJH Community Council Member from Tolman, Sunny Maxwell.
2. **Approval of Minutes from Oct. 19, 2016 Meeting** – Motion to approve by Jenny Pitt, 2nd Alice Roberts, Motion passed unanimously.
3. **Counselor Report (Gordon Griffiths)** – CCR's for 7th grade are finished. We had great support from parents and it was very positive. This week councilors are going into health classes to discuss suicide prevention, bullying, SafeUT and Hope Squad. Councilors are also preparing for the upcoming College Career night on Dec 7th at 7pm. Part of Back to School Night. Will have colleges visiting and classes for students/parents to attend. PTSA has donated baskets for a raffle that night to encourage people to come out.
4. **Teacher Report (Shelly Damron, JSSC Chair)** – Teachers are also preparing for Back to School Night on Dec 7th.
5. **Student Report (Ally Seelos)** – Sub for Santa will be Nov 28-Dec 6. Wanted more than a week to give students more time to donate. Similar plan as last year. Asking for cash donations. Competition between grades. Bills count for your grade, coins count against other grades. Have teachers lined up to do special activities for each \$1,000 that is earned. There will be a time reward, i.e. special fun assembly, for the grade that earns the most. Goal this year is \$7,500.

Cost for new marquee with installation is now closer to \$27,000. Unreachable for this one year, would need to raise money for multiple years to purchase. District will not help with funding but will provide a contractor to help with installation needs. PTSA donates money to the school each year. This money is currently being used for new furniture in the media center. Can be used for the marquee if that is more important. Gina Hirst (PTSA President) would be happy to help with spring fundraiser if needed.

6. **2015-2016 Trust Lands Budget to Date (Spencer Hansen)** – (See Trustland Budget Handout) Actual Expenditures as of Nov. 10, 2016. Mr. Hansen thanked community council members for the manner in which the teacher grants were evaluated and for how funds were allocated to benefit students and support teachers. Hard choices were made and we stayed at our price point. Those grants are being fulfilled.

Spencer Hansen – Follow up on our district request for new partitions in the girls bathroom. He took photos of the problem and submitted the request. District has approved the request and the new partitions are being ordered and will be installed soon.

A new Superintendent Reid Newey has been appointed. He has great experience and should be a great asset to our district.

CJH has been selected to receive part of a bond to add AC to our building. They are currently finding a contractor to install the new system. Once a contractor is under contract they will come to the school and evaluate the project and give us more details of what exactly will be installed. Hoping installation will be completed during the summer of 2017.

7. **Report:**
 - a. **Technology Integration Plan 2016-2021 (Spencer Hansen)**– (See Technology Plan Handout) This is a 5 year technology plan. It shows how we plan to implement technology over that time and how we will maintain that technology. We track ALL technology and know where it is in our building from year to year. Page 7 of the report shows that our next project is the refresh science laptops for next school year. The science department prefers the thinkpads over the laptops. In items #3&4 on this page we will be adding the resource computers that were purchased a few years ago but have not been included in the update plan. Adding them into this part of the plan will allow us to keep the technology renewal costs consistent year to year. This plan includes software that needs funding, i.e. ALEX. See page 8. Mr. Hansen is contacting Legislatures to ask them to continue funding for STEM action centers like ALEX. The first year they covered the cost in full, this year they only covered half and we want

to make sure that support doesn't drop to zero. ALEX has been VERY successful at our school and we need to build the cost to sustain this program into our budget plans for next year.

Motion to approve the Technology Integration Plan for 2016-2021 as presented – Katherine Doucette, 2nd Jennifer Carr, Motion passed unanimously.

- b. **16-17 Professional Development Plan (Spencer Hansen)** – (See Schedule Handout) Currently focusing on our Tech piece and Language Arts piece. Including Tech Citations. This is happening Friday afternoons. Teachers are participating in Davis Collaborative Teams. Teachers are working in these teams to evaluate student achievement data.
- c. **General School Budget Advisement (Spencer Hansen)** – (See Budget Summary Handout) Twice a year Principal is required to have general budgets reviewed by a committee including staff, students and parents. Community Council is that committee. This budget shows how taxpayer funds are used by the school. Instructional supplies (toner), Textbooks (Textbooks & teaching materials), Repairs (Used to help the school. This year these funds are being used to update the old display cases), Furniture (desks, chairs, teacher desks), Library/Media (Mr. Dart), Substitutes, Testing Support (Mr. Geisler), AP Tests, Alternative Middle School (Mr. Griffiths reported on the new invite for failing students to attend mandatory EO. Tracker connects with students to make sure they create a plan for improvement. Big success so far!), Dual Immersion (Curriculum materials), Foundation Grants (Donations for classrooms made by parents. Can be for specific classes or for athletics programs.), CTE (Used for BIG purchases needed to support these programs. Equipment that yearly student fees can't cover.). Jenny Pitt asked about carryover amounts on the handout. Mr. Hansen says this is a balance of what is left overall. Some money is saved up year to year then used for larger items. Carryover is not a problem, as far as getting allocated more money in the future.
- d. **CJH SIP Data Requests (Spencer Hansen)** – District is considering making December 22nd an early out day ending at 12:30 with a shortened class schedule. Because of this, Mr. Hansen proposes that we move our next Community Council Meeting to Wednesday Dec 14th at 9:15am. Motion to change the December meeting date – Alice Roberts, 2nd Lisa Robinson, Motion passed unanimously. At the December 14th meeting we will be meeting with teachers on the JSSC to discuss student achievement data. It was requested that members of the core department heads be in attendance. PTSA is providing substitutes for these teachers to attend. Ally Seelos was asked to invite additional 9th grade SBO's to attend this meeting as well so that we can have a mix of teachers, students and council members in small groups to discuss data and brainstorm ideas for changes that need to be made and the direction we want to go for next year, goals we would like to make, etc. Mr. Hansen asked what information we would like to have at that meeting. Council members requested Language Art, Math, Science data compared to other schools, PACE reports and credit recovery data. Council Members also requested this data in advance. Mr. Hansen has agreed to send out a tutorial on how to access this data online prior to the meeting.
- e. **Trust Land Budget Amendment Proposals (Spencer Hansen)** – It was mentioned at our last meeting that additional Trust Land Funds were allocated to our school. We now have an additional \$6,800 to allocate. Two proposals for this money were submitted. (See Handouts) A proposal from Elizabeth Hansen was requesting funds for an additional 11 TI84 calculators to complete her classroom set. The cost of these calculators is about \$110 each. The second proposal is from Boyd Dart in the media center. He is able to update the fiction section of his library with current materials but has been unable to update his informational texts due to their higher costs. Specifically the Science and Technology informational texts are extremely outdated, published in 2000. Council discussed how often these informational texts would be used if they were updated. Will teachers and students make use of the materials more if they were more current or do they prefer using online materials? A Motion to allocate these additional Trust Land funds to pay for the 11 new graphing calculators for Mrs. Hansen and allocate the remaining funds to Mr. Dart for the purchase of informational texts was made by Jenny Pitt, 2nd Jennifer Carr, Motion passed unanimously. The council would like to request that Mr. Dart track how often these new texts are used by teachers and students. Although we did not allocate his requested funds, this is a significant financial investment from our committee for updating these materials. If they prove to be beneficial to students and staff then we would like to encourage Mr. Dart to submit a grant request next fall for additional funding to purchase the other informational texts he feels are needed.

- f. **Parent/Community Concerns** – Elementary schools are building robotics programs, Lego Mindstorms. Does CJH currently have a robotics club? Mr. Hansen explains that we do not and that he would like to see that incorporated into the new Science Exploration classes being added to the curriculum. The cost of these programs and the need for qualified science teachers are the current obstacles. Council members discussed funding options. Hill AFB donates to schools to buy supplies, BOING also donates and will provide teachers to teach, Mrs. Roach at Stewart Elementary has built a very successful program, parents have also volunteered so their kids can participate. Parents are sad to see the excitement and interest built at the elementary level die when they come to jr. high. Council Members will look more into finding funding.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, December 14, 2016 @ 9:15am in the Media Center

Attendance: Lisa Robinson, Jenny Pitt, Jennifer Carr, Katherine Doucette, Nicki Ellis, Alice Roberts, Amy Mackay, Spencer Hansen, Gordon Griffiths, Ally Seelos, Sunny Maxwell, Gina Hirst, Shelly Damron. Ben Horsley via phone.