

Centerville Junior High School Community Council

Wednesday, March 16, 2016

Agenda

- 1. Welcome** Karen Burbidge
- 2. Approval of minutes from previous CC Meeting (February). Karen Romrell**
moved to approve February 2016 Minutes, Amy MacKay, second, Motion Carries.
- 3. Counselor Report (Mr. Griffiths):** CCR- excellent parent-student attendance as well as great discussions with parents. Currently counselors are presenting the sixth grade orientation, tonight from 6-8 pm. for course selection and data entry. In April, CJH counselors will be discussing suicide, and bullying issues within each CJH Health class.
- 4. Teacher Report (JSSC) –** End of term; in regards to EO- Ms. Maurerman, stated students are not utilizing EO as it could be utilized more effectively. Mr. Hansen added that parents might not understand or be aware their students can take test re-takes during EO. Currently, the math classes have the most attendance. Shelly Damron presented solutions for Parent Teacher Conferences from one night to two nights to be held in December for second term and February for third term. At present, CJH teachers feel parents are not using conferences to discuss grades but rather as ‘get-to-know the teacher’ introduction. Ms. Damron suggested possible PTC options discussed with teachers. The month of May PT Conferences not as well utilized as the earlier conferences. An option could be a half conference in September as well as online sign-ups for specific times and teachers.
- 5. Student Report (SBO) -** Student Rep. Grace Powell discussed ‘Field Day’ plans as they would like a color-fest but are concerned with cleanup of students before they enter school. Mr. Hansen added a Social Media Campaign for SAGE testing to reinforce the importance of being serious about taking the test
- 6. 2015-2016 Trust Lands Expenditure Update** March 8 – see handout for increases within Expenditures. Preliminary budget for 2016-2017- there may be increased distribution in Trust Land Funds. We will make adjustments if needed. Advanced Placement courses may have some increases within those courses.

7. Report: School Improvement Plan Final Approval Goals

Mr. Hansen

discussed goals, see handout for details. Most goals did not change. Textbook costs were high, for which Alayne VanWagoner was concerned about. Digital documents resources are locked with a login to protect their resources, which are more expensive. Alayne feels like there are better options we might investigate. Mr. Hansen will check on further options. Motion to approve SIP Goals by Karen Burbidge, Kris Allen second, motion passes.

16-17 School Policy Review - See student planner to review; no changes have occurred this year 2015-2016. Mrs. Maurerman stated that phone monitoring is a problem as some students are using phones under table, taking other students phones; there has been an increase in cell phone use in class. Teachers do not have time to monitor cell phones, electronics at school. Mr. Hansen stated there is no school wide policy about phone use-confiscation for teachers. Suggestion was a zip pocket in binder to hold phone. Alayne Van Wagoner suggested that students be taught cell phone etiquette at the beginning of the school year. Amy MacKay asked why backpacks not allowed in room. Mr. Hansen stated that, "distractions within a backpack are the issue".

General School Budget Advisement – Financial expenditures discussed from Budget Summary from General funds for March 2016, see handout. Mr. Hansen stated the gym floor is scheduled for refinishing, re-painted this summer; the cost will be covered by District. A new logo may be considered but cost of change is certainly a factor. Testing support is a new line item; we do have support salaries for that line item. Encumbered balance is very conservative, it does not match the actual budget, as Mr. Hansen does not want to overspend. New lockers coming during Spring Break, not all seventh grade lockers will be replaced. Lockers are being installed for students with disabilities.

DSD Care Awards- deadline passed but Mr. Hansen discussed nominating teachers nominated receive \$1,000.00 award with approximately 12 individuals chosen from Elementary, Junior High and High Schools.

- 8. Parent/ Community Concerns:** Jenny Pitt questioned 'Absent Notices' sent to parents after five days of absences for the full year. One question, are there school excused absences? Yes, athletics are excused. Elections for CC Members. Alayne Van Wagoner, Kris Allen and Tanja Watts will be leaving CC.

- 9. Motion to adjourn:** Karen Burbidge motioned to adjourn, Kris Allen, second.

Present: Mr. Hansen, Mrs. Maurerman, Karen Romrell, Katherine Doucette, Jennifer Carr, Amy McKay, Karen Burbidge, Tanja Watts, Nicki Ellis, Brooke Holman, Jenny Pitt, Alice Roberts, Nikki

Ellis, Alayne VanWagoner, Kris Allen, Ms. Maurerman, and Shelly Damron. **Excused** –Holly Reynolds. **Absent**- Anne Mortensen. **Next Meeting- April 20, 2016**