

Clearfield High School Community Council

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- Cell Phone Policy

There was a concern raised by a parent that we were not following the policy on cell phones as outlined in the student manual. In our discussion we talked about a broader interpretation of the policy. The role of increased technology in the classroom was discussed as part of this discussion. Teachers are encouraged to include technology in the classroom to support learning. Several examples of appropriate use of cell phones in the classroom were discussed. One concern was raised about including students that did not have access to a cell phone and it was suggested that students could work together and share a phone. One important goal is to teach students the proper use of technology in the classroom. Our current policy provides the tools for teachers to address the misuse of cell phones in the classroom. The council voted unanimously to support the proper use of cell phones in the classroom and to update the student manual next year to clarify the proper use of cell phones in the classroom.

- Hat Policy

The SBO's proposed a change in the policy to allow students to wear hats at school. They noted that five of the eight high schools allow hats. Hats allow students to express themselves or make a statement. Hats are popular and teachers would not have to enforce the policy. We let students wear hats as a reward during Falcons Are Fabulous. Teachers would still have the discretion to not allow them in their classroom. Hats are required in classes like welding and shop. The students were well prepared and presented the concerns of the students that they represent.

In our discussion we talked about higher expectations of students. We discussed the merits of our policy and the limitations it imposed. At the end of the discussion the motion failed by one vote.

- myDSD communications and information

One of our school goals is to have teachers respond to parents within 24 hours and to maintain a current website. Motivating students is a parent and teacher partnership. We discussed having grades posted in a timely manner to support this partnership. The council noted that we

expect a lot of our teachers and asked if teachers have the time to meet expectations to meet these goals. It was pointed out that teacher emails that notify parents of upcoming test dates, project reminders etc. were greatly appreciated by the parents. Parents want to have the teachers back and this is fostered by timely posting of student work.

- Report on Concurrent Enrollment and CTE

Concurrent enrollment has created a new website to help parents and students get the help and information that they need. It was stated that a CTE flyer would be added to the registration packet. The graduation rate for students in pathways have a higher graduation rate.

- SAGE information from last year

We met all our school goal bench marks. We increased our graduation rate to 91% and all teachers contribute to increased scores. We are the third highest in the number of IB tests taken in the state. The counseling department is tracking all students to make sure that our records are accurate and that we focus provide the resources to help the most students be successful.