

Farmington Junior High
Community Council Minutes

3/28/17

In attendance: Paulynn Hacking, Rebekah Richards, Sharon Summerhays, Amy Hansen, Joetta Hammond, Kathy Hogge, Peggy Harding, Damion Lether, Brent Stephens, Robyn White, Jessica Moon, Heidi Robb, Michelle Beattie, Tiffany Knowles, Valerie Johnson, Shalice Larsen, Marcie Hartvigsen.

Mr. Stephens informed us that he and several others would meet April 17th for the Trustland proposal. It was strongly suggested to increase the amount of money allocated for portable computer labs. We will have around 1174 students next year which is a significant increase. This increase will mean the computer lab will be needed for a classroom. So, we will be down a lab. We are required to refresh out computers every 6 years and preferably 5 years. English and Math require labs daily that right now we cannot accommodate. Testing in the 4 th term takes a lot of our computer lab time also. It costs approximately \$21,000 for a portable lab of 40 laptops.

We would also like to allocate money for the Davis Collaborative Learning, continue with our math aides and math programs (before/after school), and SRC. We also discussed at length how we could improve our language art program. We talked about reading programs, technology, etc. We recommended an allocation of funds for a 3 day English collaboration in the summer for teachers to discuss/implement a school wide reading program.

We will be getting a few new teachers next year including Debbie Pead for 7th grade science, a business teacher so Joy Bowler will be able to teach more elective classes and a PE teacher.

The previous suggestion for a microwave in the cafeteria was deemed to not have support.

We discussed the possible block schedule for in the future of having 4 X4 or 5X5 for junior high schools. The concerns are increasing class size and losing class time. We will wait and see what happens as more schools transfer to the block schedule.

Mr. Lether discussed the 7th grad registration. We have about 404 upcoming 7th graders. The registration went very well. Having teachers there was very beneficial. It is proposed to have the registration take place in the gym next time and to have more information about extra curricular activities and try and streamline the turn in process.

On April 19-20 the Counselors will teach in the classes of 7th graders, which they do 5 times a year, to talk about study skills, time management, etc. It is a good program.

Megan Gibb will be PTA President next year. We all greatly appreciate the great work of Heidi Robb as current PTA President.

Next meeting will be April 25th.