

Community Council Minutes

Tuesday, November 9, 2016

Gina Carling, Nicole Carver, Jeanne Groberg, Curt Stromberg, Kent Brown, Colleen Pierce, Lacey Turner, Officer Martinez, Rebecca Pond, Terrie Tenney, Brooke Romney, Guest: Astrid Kramer.

Rebecca Pond (Chairperson) Recognized Lacey Turner for her "Cops at Lemonade Stands Campaign". Lacey received an award earlier in the year for this Community Service.

Minutes for October were reviewed and approved.

Next Month's Parent Newsletter will include Anti-Bullying helps from our Hope Squad. **Nicole Carver** will follow up.

Community Council Training Reports were as follows:

Gina Carling reported on protocol for Community Council and reviewed our Website. She reminded us that the Vice Chairperson does not have to be the Chairperson the following year and that a staff member can be the Vice Chairperson but not the Chairperson. Gina also reviewed the budget on the school plan. Some discussion was made about how a one-time Technology Grant would affect the Landtrust monies. Also discussed was what would be the timing of funding available from the 4% instead of the 2% increase in trust money. (should that pass the election).

Jeanne Groberg reviewed some training on how to read the end of level testing reports, which gives schools a report card regarding academic progress. Some discussion was generated regarding low scores in Science and English and what is being done to improve those. Some concern was mention with students having less class time (5/5 Schedule) and how much that was an impact on scores. Mrs. Pierce said the teacher's efforts are focused on refining the instructions in the classroom to compensate for less actual minutes. District analysis referred to as data dives are being created to breakdown areas in the test where concepts are missing on a class level, then focusing on covering that concept in more depth. Mr. Stromberg mentioned some training being conducted, for our teachers called PLC (professional learning communities) where teacher within a department collaborate and refine curriculum. He suggested that the time difference in the classroom is a learning curve and each year will improve as teachers get used to this schedule. A three-year time table was suggested. Mr. Stromberg also noted that less students have "failing" grades and the 5/5 schedule allows greater recovery opportunities. Goals related to Recovery are included in our School Plan. He reminded the Council to consider broader factors than just the end of level assessment. Some discussion also included students who did not actually take end of level tests, students lack of interest in the test because they are not graded, and Advanced Placements science students who are not included in that test. The test results also showed how we are doing in relationship to similar schools.

Rebecca Pond reported from her training that the council is encouraged not to talk about specific students or specific teachers. Also when voting for Council Members, progress of the election should not be viewed by voters. A hard copy of Community Council minutes should be available in the office for any one requesting to read them. Rebecca requested a printout of the financial statement for land trust which will be discussed next month. Credit Recovery, productivity, and Knight Discovery are underway. Each of those are funded in part by landtrust monies. Some discussion will take place concerning money that becomes available to use in addition to land trust money.

PTSA's Brooke Romney commented on the Success of Red Ribbon Week. She felt the Haunting at The Castle, which was supported by PTSA, was very successful. Many students attended and this was one event where the student cell phones were put away voluntarily to enjoy the evening of fun. She commented that teachers who participated went above and beyond to make the night so successful.

Next Month's Meeting December 13, 2016