

Northridge High School Community Council

March Meeting Minutes

March 1st, 2017 at 2:45pm in the NHS Conference Room

FINAL – Approved April 19, 2017

- Attending: Tracie Atkins, Cathy Bell, Dawna Burton, Chrisi Call, Kristen Davidson, Brian Hunt, Julie Jordan, Allen Miller, Tami Oliver, Tyler Poll, Debbie Rios, Tammy Schaelling, Steve Poll, B.J. Lovell, Sandee Shock, Janae Howell, Cajsa Taylor, Julie Banta, Cheryl Cloward, Bridgit Geraud and Jenny Sanford
- Not Attending: Mark Brown, Stacey Howell, Corey Jenkins, Angela Robins and Mindi Smith
- Welcome: The meeting was called to order at 2:48pm.
- Approval of February 1st meeting minutes: Debbie Rios motioned to approve these and Allen Miller seconded the motion. All were in favor.
- Principal Report – Our goals need to be measurable. We won't use the SAGE test because it probably won't be used in the future, but we do need a baseline.
- Math Department – Janae Howell (Math Department Head), Cajsa Taylor and Sandee Shock came to represent the Math Department. Our administration, math teachers, Community Council members and parents have concerns about how things are going in our math classes so we invited these teachers to come today and make a presentation. A general invitation was also made to parents and we had some attend. The Community Council and concerned parents came up with several questions and concerns that were presented to the Math Department prior to our meeting. The Math Department passed out a yellow 3 page paper with their responses to these. They went through this paper with us and answered additional questions. The challenges and possible solutions are many and varied, too many for listing in these minutes, but the detailed notes taken during the minutes will be kept for future reference if anyone wants to see them. The Community Council plans to devote some of the Trust Land Funds to items that will help with these Math concerns.

2017/2018 SIP/School Land Trust Goals & Plan

1- ACT Improvement Goal

ACT Prep will definitely be included in the plan in some form.

Northridge offered a 2 week prep course for Juniors that approximately 100 students took advantage of. Could it be offered to Sophomores in the future also?

Could ACT Prep be offered as a regular class? We'd have to pay teachers \$10,000-12,000 to give up their prep period. Would students be able to find time for this in their class schedules? It would be ideal to offer some sort of prep for each offering of the ACT Exam.

Possible ideas: Lunchtime prep online, every late start morning, ACT Thursday, Tutorial Prep, Americore Prep, in the English Lab.

Northridge & Syracuse were the only schools that offered the pre ACT.

2- Graduation

All schools in Davis School District have seen improvement in graduation rates recently. The goal is to maintain, if not increase.

The lowest graduation rate is in Special Education. One reason for this is that some choose not to graduate because they can stay in the services program until they're 21 years old.

Students & parents need 24/7 access to instructional aids (online videos, etc.) & curriculum at home. CANVAS could be the platform to share this. Teachers would like CANVAS to connect with Encore.

The high F rates affect our graduation rate. Could we rearrange the schedule to make helpful changes to Advisory?

Dawna suggested a Scholarship Secretary be funded by Trust Lands Funds. Could an Advisory, Math or English teacher help students fill out scholarship forms?

3- Technology

Don't buy more just for the sake of buying more. We should only buy more if it will truly help us reach our goals.

4- AP, CE course credit

Enrollment in these has increased in the past few years.

5- Improve Collaborative Teams (groups of teachers in the same subject working together to become better teachers)

FTE (Full-time Equivalent) We want to hire a full-time new math teacher for next year with non-Trust Land Fund money.

- Dawna Burton motioned to approve these general goals and Allen Miller seconded the motion. All were in favor.

- Dawna Burton motioned to adjourn and Allen Miller seconded the motion. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 4:20pm.
- Next meeting will be in NHS Main Office Conference Room at 2:45pm on Wednesday, April 19.

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