Farmington High School

Community Council Meeting Minutes 11/1/2018

<u>Committee Members in attendance</u>: Marcie Hayes, Shalice Larsen, Christy Mortensen, Becky Wendt, LeNina Wimmer, Terri Hall and Tony Smith

<u>Committee Members absent</u>: Richard Swanson, Paulynn Hacking, Valarie Johnson, Steve Kemp, Allen Jacobsen

<u>Guests in attendance</u>: Merci Rossmango, Brett Sims, Justin Whittaker, Jake Garrett, Tammy Thomas

Agenda Items:

Welcome:

Cell Phone/Video Game Policy:

- Parent concerns about the use and abuse of cell phones and video games in class
- Everyone agreed with the idea that cell phones are causing a disturbance and can deter learning
- Students cannot download games onto laptops but they can access web-based games
 - Parents that want to block educational Minecraft can email Andrew Beck
- Parents and teachers will consider a more specific cell phone policy then the current policy
 - o Options on complete ban, partial ban, check-in stations, etc
 - o Liability and time issues were discussed
 - Proposals will be looked at next meeting

ACT discussion:

- ACT practice test will be given next week to all juniors. Feedback and scores will be given quickly
- Juniors will have access to Canvas course as well as another course to prep for the state-wide ACT
- Parent/student night also scheduled for November
- Will continue to look at Summit schools for ACT information
- Question was asked about providing food/snacks before/after ACT testing

Other concerns:

- Still a disconnect in some classes about what is being taught and how to understand material without perceived direction instruction from teachers (specifically math and chemistry)
- General question about teacher evaluation and concerns
 - Parents were encouraged to talk to the teacher first about any concerns in class
 - o Administration does evaluations of all teachers
- Summit texts have begun to go out. Parents can email Mrs. Rossmango to OPT IN for text messages
- Enrollment is higher than projected and so FHS will receive an additional \$36,000 in Trust Lands \$\$
 - \circ $\;$ Proposal from administration on how to spend that will come next meeting
- Projected enrollment for next year will be around 2,000 students with a 2100 capacity