

## Community Council Minutes

February 13, 2019

In attendance: Ken Hadlock, Kenneth Hellewell, Jenny Schow, Vickie Hassard, Shelly Thorne, John Shaw, Rachel Davies, Heidi Jensen, Michele Swenson

Approval of last month's minutes: Vickie Hassard, Rachel Davies 2<sup>nd</sup>; unanimous vote to accept.

### Trustland Items:

Dr. Hadlock reviewed the spread sheet expenditures of 2018-2019 money with goal to track expenditures throughout the year so we know how and why money is spent.

Grades: 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> Term grades over the past 7 years graph review

Notice of a slight downward trend over the last few years: discussion as to why 2<sup>nd</sup> term has a bigger dip; vacations, flu, expectations between 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> term by teachers and students (motivation change from 1<sup>st</sup> term to 2<sup>nd</sup> term for student achievement) ; discussion of "standards" based vs. total points; number of assignments and weighting of grades

In APRIL- discussion of "credit recovery" and a look at number of F's

### Election Committee Report:

At incoming 7<sup>th</sup> grade night, no one signed up, but a lot of discussions with MANY parents about joining (but no solid numbers or names); feedback- it was good to be next to the PTSA table

Maybe design the website to be more user friendly, more approachable, add some items on web info as to how to get involved, how to run for a seat, a few more hotlinks instead of pull down menu items? Dr. Hadlock will look into this

Further discussion on the term being from Oct 1 to Oct 1- Ken Hellewell

Ms. Davies suggested to see how it goes "as is" for the upcoming election and then change the term next year?

### Language Committee Report:

Vickie Hassard was asking if any further videos had been turned in. Michele Swenson mentioned that she emailed a video from "student govt" from Ms. Allen to Dr. Hadlock. This video and one other were to be watched by Ms. Barton's advisory by Feb. 15 to judge the "winner". Discussion on "prize"= When does Positivity Club want their pizza party and how many pizzas, how to pay for pizzas- pay over phone with school card for this (Dr. Hadlock) suggested. Ms. Swenson will check with Positivity Club on when. Ms. Swenson volunteered to host it on a B day since she has 7<sup>th</sup> hour prep (both lunches)

#### Homework Survey Discussion:

Suggestions from Ken Hellewell about same subject/grade level course variance on amount of homework. For example, two 7<sup>th</sup> grade Math or 2 9<sup>th</sup> grade Honors Science classes with different teachers- why are there large variance in amount of work- Discussion on whether there is- various teaching techniques, use of time in class, perceptions of students, parents, etc. Dr. Hadlock will send a survey for us as a Community Council to review, to see if it is asking what we need it to ask. Additionally, he will remind teachers in upcoming faculty meeting of district homework policies, to have teachers evaluate homework.

Facilities Survey: parents need to take this, reminder to parents on the committee to review this

Advisory Requests by Students: discussion of how students can request to go to a particular teacher's advisory... Ms. Swenson mentioned that if a student asks to be requested she gives them "slip" or puts them on her request list; Ms. Swenson added that in her department, other teachers have students "sign up" with the teacher, that way kids who get requested actually "want" to be there. Ms. Jensen mentioned that similar policies are in her department.

Next meeting: March 13, 2019 in the Media Center from 8-Noon

John Shaw asked about a "data" measurement for teachers' requests for Trustland money. He says he will work with Dr. Hadlock on this.

Adjourned at 5:05 pm