

Community Council Meeting
Trustland Proposals for 2019-2020 School Year

March 13, 2019

Attendees: Ken Hadlock, Kenneth Hellewell, Rachel Davies, Vicki Hassard, John Shaw, Michele Swenson, Kim Augustin, Khurshid Zaidi, Shelly Thorne, Marsha Dennis, Heidi Jensen, Katie Barton, Tammy Dangel, Alisa Rivera, Alyn Bone, Zach Poulter, Jessica Constant, Peggie Clelland, Jennifer Shakespear

Dr. Hadlock started the meeting informing the committee that we have funds in the current budget that can be spent because they were not used last year (2018-2019). He proposed that the theater music teacher, tuba and math computers receive the funds that they were originally asked for in the 2018-2019 proposal because of the surplus of money. By doing this, the funds are anticipated to be less than 20% which should be our goal for carry over. This motion was approved by the Council.

The focus was switched to our current proposals:

Ms. Shaw reminded the committee on how data needs to support how the funds are being spent.

The committee reviewed the laws of how the expenditures can be used before the requests were presented.

Counseling Proposal: (Given by Mrs. Rivera)

1) Mrs. Rivera proposed her request and reviewed the data on how Shelly Thorne, Academic Mentor, benefited the students who were failing and/or struggling in classes this school year. The counseling department would like to fund one extra academic mentor for the 2019-2020 school year. The committee brain-stormed on when and how the additional academic mentor could best be used. \$30,000 is needed.

2) Mrs. Rivera spoke to the Council on the need to pay licensed professional teachers to teach credit recovery classes. In order to do this, money for productivity classes are needed. To get four classes of productivity (semester long classes), \$16,000 is needed.

CTE Proposal: (Given by Mrs. Shakespear)

1) The department would like to attend state workshops and have the teachers be reimbursed for their time at the workshops. \$2,400 is needed. Mrs. Shakespear spoke on how the information gained from the conferences last year have benefited the students greatly this year.

Theatre Arts Proposal: (Given by Mrs. Bone)

1) Mrs. Bone presented that the theatre department would like to hire a vocal director. She indicated that she can/will develop a rubric to demonstrate the progress/benefits in a measurable format to satisfy the data requested in observable format. (\$3,000 requested)

Science Proposal: (Given by Mrs. Zaidi)

1) Mrs. Zaidi explained to the committee the data and increase they expect by adding productivities to their department. They would like one for each grade level. The current class sizes are up to 42 students a class. \$24,000 is needed. The committee discussed the benefits of lower-class sizes.

Math Proposal: (Given by Mrs. Jensen)

1) Mrs. Jensen proposed on how they would like to implement more blended learning strategies and put their whole curriculum on Canvas with help videos created by teachers here a Syracuse Jr High. She spoke about the benefits that are currently going on the classroom with the technology-based education they are currently using and how the department would benefit even greater by using better more advanced technology-based learning. The department would like money for video creation time, books for training, KUTA software and ALEX, and T130XS calculators and manipulatives, totaling \$15,606.

After School Math Tutoring:

Dr. Hadlock would like to add the math tutoring to the proposals. Mrs. Jensen talked about the significant benefits of the program. She also talked about how it is growing: twenty to thirty students are coming to each session as to where only ten on average were coming the prior year. \$13,000 is needed.

Music Proposal: (Given by Mr. Poulter)

1) Mr. Poulter showed us a French horn to show its bad condition and how many repairs it has had. He told us his oldest instrument is 97 years old. He'd like the \$15,450 on equipment. Productivity is needed for Orchestra (2 semesters) \$20,000. A choir accompanist to come in once or twice a week is needed: \$2,600. Orchestra strings need repair that Mrs. Cox can do for free labor but will cost \$400 for material. Festivals and travel cost will require \$1000. Orchestra music and choir music costs \$1200, and a Smartmusic teacher subscription will cost \$890. Mr. Poulter explained how they need to follow copy write rules and buying music is expensive.

English Reading Proposal: (Given by Dr. Clelland)

Dr. Clelland explained to the committee what a Lexile level was and how the District's level coincided with a college readiness level. The English department wants more books in their classrooms to help raise all students reading levels in the school. The current levels of the school have 22% of students below reading level. The money will buy high-interest books, and the students will have full access to them, and teacher will use them in their reading programs, e.g. book clubs. \$7,000,00 is requested.

VEX IQ Robotics (Given by Mrs. Constant)

Mrs. Constant explained her proposal by explaining the current program and their success thanks from funding of the Trustlands from last year. The team this year won many, many awards. She works after school with the students. Syracuse Jr High is the model for the district. Dr. Hadlock confirmed how well the program has evolved, with many credits to Mrs. Constant (Coach of the Year). The after school team is asking for \$4,000.00.

English Writing Proposal: (Given by Mrs. Barton)

Mrs. Barton requested money from Trustlands to continue the hire of the current Grader the department has because of the 2018-2019 Trustland funds. Mrs. Barton showed data that represented

the growth rate of writing scores from this year from the year past. The department is asking for an increase of 5 more hours of week, totaling 20 hours, and for the current, outstanding Grader to receive a step raise. \$10, 256 is requested.

Special Ed Proposal: (Given by Dr. Hadlock)

Dr. Hadlock read over the special ed proposal to the Committee. The special ed department is requesting \$2,360.00 for 30 headphones and 10 cloudbooks.

The meeting was wrapped up with a reminder for Council members to read over the proposals and come prepared to discuss on the next meeting, April 10th.

Meeting was adjourned.