

Centennial Jr. High  
Community Council  
January 15, 2019 at 4p.m.

Welcome from Marcie Hayes, sitting in for Cindy Jenkins who was excused.

Attending the meeting were Cerissa Thompson, Marie McQuiston, Michelle Thomson, Sarah Thatcher, Sean Morrison, Marcie Hayes

The minutes were reviewed and approved  
Minutes were posted to Centennial's website  
1<sup>st</sup> motion – Marcie Hayes  
2<sup>nd</sup> motion – Sara Thatcher

Counselor Update: Ms. McQuiston

Rules of Order regarding the representatives on the council from each school was reviewed and will await final decision in February meeting.  
Up to date % of students from the feeder schools was updated along with term service and rules that state that elective representatives that miss 3 consecutive meetings are removed from the council.

Only 28 participants responded to the parent survey recently sent out. This is a small percentage, but the PCCR Conferences are a great opportunity to receive feedback from parents and the percentage of parents who attend with their child is high at our school. It was suggested that if the survey was shorter, it might allow for more participation.

January 29-30 FHS Counselors will be at the school  
February 10<sup>th</sup> is the Open House where actual registration will take place 5:30-7:30p.m.  
13 variances to DHS didn't warrant a visit. Those students going to DHS will need to go to Davis personally if your variance is accepted. An Open House has already been held.

2019 Testing results: Cerissa Thompson  
Aspire an ACT Pretest for 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> graders as taken and the goal for our district is to break the "22" barrier which is considered low for an ACT test score.  
Centennial scores came in at...all scores for individual students can be found on MyDSD Under the Data Gateway School Report Card

It was noted that the time for students to complete the different sections differed greatly.

English 30 minutes to complete	62% proficiency
Math 61 minutes to complete	70% proficiency
Reading 45 minutes to complete	58% proficiency
Science 38 minutes	61% proficiency

Centennial ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> in the district

It was mentioned that FHS had sample practice questions to help students prepare for and instruction on how to take tests. The question was raised as to where they found their questions and could we do something similar to help our 9<sup>th</sup> graders before taking the test this spring. This will be followed up on by some of our FHS parents.

Overall we are excited to see an increase on our overall score for Centennial. Even after the glitches were fixed only 8<sup>th</sup> grade science was questioned as the students took that test 4 times. Centennial still had the highest scores in the district English saw an increase of 9.4% which was credited to the focus given to this program during the 2019 year. We had 98% attendance and participation in the testing last year.

Summit Learning Program: The school has applied to have Summit at Centennial in 2020-2021 school year for the 9<sup>th</sup> grade students. This is after visits and meetings with Farmington High school and evaluations by the 9<sup>th</sup> grade Core Curriculum Teachers who feel like it will be a good transition to Farmington High School for our students.

Discussion about 7-8<sup>th</sup> graders were also discussed, but not being implemented at this time.

A team from Centennial will be visiting a district in Texas to gain insight and suggestions regarding computer safety as they have been using Summit for several years.

Teachers will also be receiving training in the Summer and Fall and have great support from FHS teachers who will act as mentors for our teachers in preparing the students for study at FHS.

It was requested that an email be sent out to the parents of Centennial Jr. High School with some FACTS about the Summit program and how we think it will be implemented at our school it should also invite feedback from parents as we move forward.

As a council we felt that in the absence of FACTS we would have misinformation and rumors flying around and feel that some communication needs to happen now rather than later. FHS parents didn't appreciate the way it rolled out and we want to have a positive transition especially as we discussed last month that many students already have anxiety about jr high, especially 7<sup>th</sup> graders and we don't want to add to it by upsetting the parents.

As we haven't received an acceptance letter, there are still many questions that are left unanswered. Principal Thompson said she would send such a communication out.

Farmington Elementary (4-6<sup>th</sup> grade), Farmington Jr High and Farmington High School are all participating in the Summit Program this year. Many other schools in the district are looking to have some aspect of Summit implemented in the coming school year.

Thanks to the budget, we do have one computer per child to accommodate this program at Centennial. Filters have been placed by the district to protect the students and allow them access to the materials they will need to complete assignments and testing.

There is still a concern from parents about the computers coming home with their students.

1. Parents cannot put programs on the school computers to assist in protecting their children while using these computers. Options to give parents the opportunity to make choices regarding their students personal computer use (bring home or not) is one possibility being considered. Parents use appropriate software to protect home computer systems and don't like being told they can't do the same with their child's computer as it is school property.
2. So many families were "burned" when they introduced netbooks to our students when Centennial opened and are seeking help from counselors, law enforcement and community leaders for help in easing the burden of increased screen time for their child and the risks of social media bullying, pornography and other challenges they are concerned with as we move towards this online learning platform.

It was mentioned that there is a Community Parent Education Program at FHS on February 4<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:00 to help educate parents, students and teachers about things they can do. If we don't know what we are looking for, we can't help.

The review of our yearly school timeline was moved to our next meeting where we will also begin our implementation plan for 2020-2021.

It was proposed that we need to get an earlier start for next years elections.

1<sup>st</sup> – Michelle

2<sup>nd</sup> – Sean

Open Forum for questions/concerns.

Parents were encouraged to spread the word that if they would like to see the After School Activity Bus return to FHS, they need to hear from parents, students that are interested. Please contact the office at FHS and let them know as this will be discussed as part of their Trustland funding \$\$\$ and would need to be budgeted for.

Meeting Adjourned 5:19p.m.

1<sup>st</sup> Marcie

2<sup>nd</sup> Michelle

Next meeting is February 12, 2019 at 4:00p.m.