

Community Council Meeting Minutes
Viewmont High School Conference Room
January 15, 2020

In attendance: Heather Campbell, Tiffany Rees, Karen Romrell, Melissa Salimbene, Michele Strong, Karen Williams, Julie Summerhays, Sheila Berbert, Karen Findley, Annette Godfrey, Carly Maloney, Malissa Wolfer, Jason Smith, Shon Feller, Kristin Van Brunt, Chad Bowles, Gabe Robbins, Wesley Quinton, Skyler Burningham, Ben Winchester, Neola Jones

Excused: Jenny Pitt, Shawn Johnson, April Fenn

1. Malissa Wolfer brought the meeting to order, in the absence of co-chair Jenny Pitt. Malissa explained that we set aside one day a year where we bring in department chairs from all of the core areas to interview, so that we can see what their goals and needs are. Malissa assigned groups to each of the department chairs, which included a couple of Community Council members and a teacher and a student in some.

Groups were instructed to spend about a half hour, at the end of which we will meet again in the conference room to summarize. Groups were excused to their discussion groups.

Groups were brought back to conference room. Malissa asked for any concerns or needs and a brief summary. Reports from individual groups were as follows:

- CTE Dept: Karen Romrell summarized the interview and talked about the monetary needs, particularly in CTE classes. Annette said that we are looking at a new situation with the Refresh program, and all of the laptop carts we have now in classes. Most of the requests they have are for the programs that benefit students. The programs are strong, and we will keep that going.
- Math: Carly Maloney summarized – They discussed their goals, and the concern that students are not coming into the high school prepared for Math. They requested that we communicate with the Jr. Highs on this. He is hoping to have more TA's in the math department, because that is so beneficial. Malissa explained the work that has been going on in the past few years with the Jr. Highs. 50% of students are not getting what they need. Math proficiency is hovering around 52-54%. This has been a 3-year process, and the junior highs are doing a good job. There is a meeting scheduled with the junior high and VHS math teachers on Friday, January 17. We are working hard to bridge that gap. Wesley Quinton spoke from a student viewpoint. Heather Campbell spoke about the information she has, as a member of the Jr. High Community Council. Mr. Smith commented that he knows that they are working towards proficiency there. The problem with the gap in the transition is relatively new, 2-3 years, so we are in the assessment process of that. One of the differences is that at the junior high level, a student can take an assessment test 10 times if necessary until they can prove proficiency. That's not the case at the high school, so that's a big difference.
- Science: Melissa Salimbene summarized – the Science department said that their biggest concern was that the students are not motivated to learn. The AP students are doing well, the rest of them are not motivated. How do we break that habit? That's a challenge. Mr. Smith stated that he attended a conference with some teachers, and one of the subjects was 'how to motivate students. We will be looking at some new ideas. The Cloudbooks that they have are not compatible with the work they need to do in their department. They are going to request an updated lab.
- English: Heather Campbell summarized – Their department has a problem with 108 of their laptops. (This is a district-wide problem) There is a question of whether the district will take care of this or not.

- Social Studies: Karen Williams summarized - Mr. Judy asked to have his department teachers sent to 'Educator Day on the Hill' – Mr. Judy is concerned that the students are either at the top of the scale, where a "C" is the same as an "F" in their perception, or they don't care at all.

2. Malissa said that before the next meeting, our Admin will draft our school goals and make a draft of a proposal to bring better professional development into the teachers, and will present that to the Council.

3. Next meeting is February 19 and we will vote on the goals. As soon as the goals are voted on, we will invite teachers to submit their proposals that match the goals.

Annette Godfrey made the motioned to adjourn the meeting, and Heather Campbell seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned.