



Sunset Junior High School

Community Council Agenda for February 27, 2020

Community Council Members

In Attendance: Connie Stanger – Council Chair; Danette Christensen – Council Secretary; Joanna Mulert – Member; Natalie Anderson – Member; Kristi Dopp – Member; Kim Bell – Member; Brock Jackman - Member; Amy Poff – Member; Carter Haacke – Member; Robin Buckwalter - Member

Agenda Items

- **Student Recognition**

Staff recently conducted a Student Recognition event during the school day. It honored students with various achievements, including students with the most academic improvement. Positive feedback all around on this event. Planning to do this every term.

- **TSI report from state (Targeted Support and Improvement)**

The school was recently made aware (by this report) that specific groups of our students are statistically underperforming. This includes Hispanic and Multi-racial students, as well as English Language Learners and students with disabilities. At the time the school was notified, school staff was already aware of these needs and had independently implemented proper interventions to assist these students. These efforts will continue.

- **Land Trust Update 2020**

Staff reported on the so-far successful use of trust land funds this year. They report positive results from the new schedule implemented this year. These include fewer student behavior problems and optimistic feedback from teachers.

- **School Improvement Plan 2021**

The committee discussed proposed goals for next school year. Two suggested goals were 1) Improve test areas by 2-3% and 2) Reduce the number of F grades, particularly with 9th graders (to ensure students are on-track for graduation)

There will be a Learning First Planning Day on March 19, 2020 (8 am – 12 pm)



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- **Standards-Based Learning**

One parent on the committee said she is seeing fewer homework assignments coming home in Core areas, and questioned why this is the case. Principal Jackman explained that a likely reason is that the school is moving towards a Standards-Based Learning module. This is a district-based effort to increase true learning in students, and to move away from a checklist of assignments that produce a letter grade. So parents may see fewer assignments in core areas, as teachers try to teach and assess according to these higher educational standards.

Next Meeting: March 26, 2020 @ 4:00 pm