

# JUSTICE HIGH SCHOOL

*Home of the Phoenix*

**805 Excalibur St.**

**Lafayette, Colorado 80026**

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**11/06/18**

**Vision:** To serve at risk youth by providing college prep educational services in a creative way.

## **PRELIMINARIES**

Call to order: Chairman Mark Surratt calls the meeting to order at 6pm

Welcome guests- None

**Location:** Lafayette Justice High School:

People in attendance: TJ, Jessica, Shadell (by phone), Mark (by phone) and Gary (by phone).

**Approval of minutes-** TJ made a motion to approve minutes. Board unanimously agreed to minutes from 9/6/18.

## **Consent items**

Vote to approve budgets: This was done at the last meeting. We are waiting on some override updates and some new budget numbers for the new resolution.

The Board does approve expenditure for the grants as discussed in the grants .

**Discussion:** Tina passed away suddenly and quite unexpected. The entire school community is devastated and still in shock. Tina has been with the school in one way or another for 20 years.. T.J. has hired another person [Denise Delarocco] to replace her. To begin it will be 8 hours a week. Initially, this should be all that is needed, Denise is quite talented and works at another charter school.

## **GRANT BUDGET:**

The Board discussed that the grants are all ready to begin and the funding is now in place. The 21st century grant: \$144,00 for the next 3 years, and the EARRS grant: \$100,000 for next 2 years.

**NEW HIRES:** T.J. has hired two new people from the grant funding. Wally Clay who will be our - Community Outreach Person, who will work to reduce our code 25 and dropouts. He will be bringing parents in and bringing kids in. Darryl Mullins will joining the team in a couple of roles. He will support the Athletic, Title One, and EARRS grant. T.J. will also be hiring a three quarter time Drug and Alcohol person to establish a strong drug and alcohol treatment program and parent outreach; we have about \$30,000 to help do this. Dr. Marjorie Lewis- A director and teacher through APU is working with us to develop the program. Her agency teaches drug and alcohol counseling. Anyone [staff included] who

wants to get their CAC I- 1000 hours, is welcome to take classes. The plan is for Justice to partner with this program and encourage that our site be training ground for the mandatory internship. For students with mental health issues the plan is to have them assessed and then if Child needs dual treatment, it can be billed through Medicaid and this service can be provided in the school.

**Phoenix Academies-** Kids can now take after school programming where they can achieve certificates in a variety of vocational programs. Kids have already received certificates for First Aid. This program will work towards getting fully accredited. JHS students and family members can receive certificates in different areas.

J.H.S. also launched its CIP program with Sanchez Elementary School. This community improvement program: from 21st century grant, is having a great impact on the e3rd graders of the school who work with JHS juniors and seniors three days a week. J.H.S. did a Soccer and Football clinic last spring. In addition, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays, 5 seniors coordinate recess time with 3rd graders, teaching them how to play appropriately and without bullying. The program has brought cohesion among students. We are building some good relationships with parents of future Justice High students.

**J.H.S. College outreach program:** T.J. and Laurie went out on the road, taking all 15 seniors to 10 Kansas schools and 8 Nebraska schools. In addition, seniors have got to visit 5 Colorado schools. During senior advisory, more healthy conversations about much potential each senior has and how they should try to find their home. The students are now looking at playing sports at a college and getting their B.A. Students are now sending film to the different Conferences and also to Coaches for potential scholarship opportunities.

#### **DISCIPLINE**

J.H.S. Administrators have restarted greenhouse,[ in school suspension-] staffed by volunteer and other staff. While in the Greenhouse we have to do a group as to why they are in there, how will they get back focus, and move forward with education. While in the Green House, cell phones are taken away, lunch brought to them, not allowed to leave for lunch, and students have to stay a half hour longer than the other students. Students hate this because they are not allowed interaction with others.

#### **SPORTS UPDATES:**

Football: did well, finished 3-4. Strict eligibility requirements: behaviors.

Curling is going well, The team has been in two tournaments and won a couple of games in tournaments. Couple kids have never been on ice but are having fun. Do this every Friday evening.

**Toys for Tots programs** is in full effect. Kids are trying to raise 300 toys for kids in our sister school in

Costa Rica. Will have celebration where the CH will get the toys. Seniors applied for Denver Foundation, 5 seniors- CORE group that have a chance to get this scholarship as well as the greenhouse scholarship which are full rides. One requirement is that they want to see the CH doing community service.

**Graduation:** Letter sent to Kendrick Lamar, had guest speaker that was his friend, talked with Gloria Gainer- does not have a concert tour at this time and will consider it. Students will send out letters to potential guest speakers.

Need to make a foundation for both Justice High Schools so that members that are aging out, some of the corners with finances will fall to foundations versus falling to the budget. LJ Chavez came to meeting last year and discussed the annuity, was willing to gift the initial amount to start the annuity which was \$5,000, may be willing to do more? Could receive donations on and this could continue to increase. No max that could be donated into something like this and it would be easier to receive donations from the private sector. Mark can get more information on this. TJ would like to get one started for both Justice High Schools.

Thomas Hightower- good speaker to come talk to kids.

Motion to adjourn by Mark at 8:23 PM, Gary seconds this motion, everyone agrees.