

# Community Council Meeting Minutes

## Viewmont High School – Media Center

### December 16, 2020

*In attendance: Kathleen Bailey, Ben Horsley, Bridget Lee, Jenny Pitt, Tiffany Rees, Karen Romrell, Michele Strong, Lisa Cook, Apri Fenn, Johnny Garrison, Malissa Wolfer, Jason Smith, Justin Brooks, Kellen Jones, Annette Godfrey, Whitney Keller, Porter Johnson, Jack Brown, Ty Hoffman, Neola Jones*

*Excused: Julie Summerhays, Shawn Johnson, Chad Bowles*

Welcome by Jenny Pitt

Jenny explained the process of having Malissa Wolfer divide the council into groups to interview department chairs regarding their needs for the next school year. Groups were instructed to spend about a half hour, at the end of which we will meet together again to summarize. Groups were excused to their discussion groups.

Groups were brought back together. Malissa Wolfer asked for any concerns or needs, and a brief summary. Reports from individual groups were as follows:

- English: The English department is interested in digital licenses and technology, and possibly some audio book memberships. In addition, depending on funding, they are possibly interested in some books.
- CTE: CTE departments are “hands on” learning, so there are a lot of things they are in need of. In their surveying of Drivers Ed students, (mostly sophomores) the students indicate that they are interested in sciences right now. One request that is not able to be funded in other ways is the purchase of the Hololens system. This is virtual reality glasses that you can see the different layers in the body underneath the skin. At \$5,000, it’s a big request but used for Health Science (Medical Anatomy).
  - Another request for CTE is the Engineering classes (Jerry Nelson) request for a field trip to go to Hill Air Force Base. \$500.00
- Social Studies: Mr. Judy asked the students what would help them the most. They are experiencing ongoing difficulties with families with at-home learning – and that’s why Fridays have been very beneficial. No other needs were expressed. Communications was the biggest problem.
- Science: Lab equipment needs to be updated and upgraded. Chemistry has requested for \$1900 for new generator and other specific lab equipment.
- Visual Arts: Digital art is exploding. Wacom Tablet systems would be requested. We have 10 of those in our art department, and the request would be for 22 additional Wacom’s at \$120 each to make a classroom set. Another request would be a quality camera.
  - Mr. Boehme’s issue might be getting a remodel on his room.

Jenny Pitt wants all teachers to know that if they have a specific need they can write it down and give it to their department chair.

- Math: They discussed the possibility of maybe being able to offer a night time class that the aides would conduct. One teacher would also like a classroom set of calculators (Mr. Grossman) Jason asked if Mr. Grossman needs those calculators now. They are trying to let students know that they can come in for tutoring.
- Foreign Language: Their need is for digital subscriptions. They also have a need for books, actual dictionaries. Latin is also asking for books. They also need 'Clickers' for their classrooms.
- PE: Mr. Garrison said they need devices (like Fitbits) to measure progress. PE is challenging because the regulations have been very strict, and all awards are required to be student progress. The technology will help teach students to be able to be healthy later in life. The request of the request is to have more equipment for students, so that students are not waiting for the other half of the class to use the equipment.
  - Another request for the PE Department would be to have a teacher become a certified health coach.

Jason Smith explained that the school district is doing something a little different this year. We are having a Zoom meeting in January that is supposed to help us write our Trustlands grants, and also grant requests for TSSA. Grants have to be approved in April, so it's perfect in January to at least get a rough draft the grants. It's also a good opportunity to re-visit the current goals and see if we are meeting those.

Mr. Smith also expressed appreciation to the council for all they do.

Ben Horsely made the comment that schools get hampered by 'legacies' – we just do it the way we have always done it. He expressed that we need to look differently, and maybe not even just awarding teacher requests... We should look at the funds as what will be a game changer for our school, what is the very best way to have this money impact the school. Jenny Pitt agreed with that statement, and talked about one-to-one computers.

Next year we will be required to have an SEL Goal (Social and Emotional Learning) so that's something that Covid has delayed in our building. When it hit, it stalled us a little bit. SEL is just another tool in the tool box. It's not separate, it's just part of what you do.

Lisa Cook motioned that we adjourn the meeting. Jenny Pitt seconded the motion.

Meeting was adjourned.