

**Community Council Meeting**  
**Viewmont High School – Media Center**  
**April 21, 2021**

*In attendance: Bridget Lee, Jenny Pitt, Tiffany Rees, Kathleen Bailey, Ben Horsley, Lisa Cook, Malissa Wolfer, Jason Smith, Justin Brooks, Karen Findley, Kellen Jones, Whitney Keller, Porter Johnson, Neola Jones*

Welcome by Jenny Pitt.

1. Introduction of Travis Lund, Viewmont High School's new principal as of next school year. Jenny asked Mr. Lund to address the group.
  - a. Mr. Lund said that he appreciated the opportunity to be able to get to know the Community Council. He just completed this process at his current school. Mr. Lund has known Jason Smith for many years, and he is excited to come to Viewmont. In his teaching career, he taught Concurrent Enrollment English, coached football and track at Northridge for 13 years, and taught Drivers Ed. He did an internship as assistant principal at WX and then went to So. Davis Jr. High, where he has learned a lot and loved Jr. High. He lives in Centerville and his kids will go to Viewmont, and his wife and kids love it here and will be here a lot. Their family is looking forward to getting to know the Viewmont community.
  - b. Jenny asked about what he felt he had accomplished through Community Council at the junior high school, and he said that their Community Council had been working a lot on technology, bringing the school up to date, especially on mobile technology. They also brought their school onto the A/B day schedule.
  - c. Mr Lund was asked, what are the strengths and weaknesses at Viewmont, and what are you going to do about those? He said that he is just identifying these areas right now. He has been meeting with staff members and PTA, he will be meeting with every faculty/staff member, and hopefully many students. He believes that Viewmont is a community school. At Northridge, there were 5 communities, but at Viewmont has one community, and a tradition of high achievement and excelling and supporting each other here. He has seen tragedies and how the community rallies around the neighbors and the school. It's very impressive and he hopes to support and build upon that.
  - d. Mr. Lund also explained that there is some Covid money coming, and we are opening four positions for academic coaches that can support the school and work with counselors and identify students in their group that need specific interventions, even to observe them in classrooms (without them knowing it). Then communicate with home, etc. get social and emotional support from adults. Get us to the point where we are more proactive and catch some of the problems earlier in their sophomore year. This is state funding, and our district has a formula with socio-economic need, etc. and it's very fairly distributed. The formula is good for elementary and junior highs as well as high

schools. It's a good way to say that the general population is being served as well as the at-risk population. He will look forward to meeting with the Community Council to say 'here's what we are doing, can you see ways to improve'. Jenny asked if the purpose of this money was to recover from Covid affects academically. Mr. Lund said It's meant to address mostly academic needs after Covid. It's spread over 2 years, and we will see how this goes. He is hoping that we can be very proactive with it and solve problems. It will have a good impact for our students.

- e. Tiffany Rees asked that, given the example of other districts in the state, where leadership is concerned in academic remediation, how are you going to help that?
  - f. If you look at our district's strategic plan, it lists parents as the first and most important teacher in your child's life. Feedback is important, and we don't always do that step of soliciting feedback. One of the questions they are asking in their school survey is what parents/students/teachers think a priority is, what should our focus be? We need to take that feedback and find ways to address the concerns.
2. Jason took over to explain end of year items. He began by thanking the Community Council for their support and for always having VHS as their first priority. He is happy about the progress made during his time as principal, especially in technology,
  3. End of year events:
    - a. This has all been sent out in a letter...months ago, the district authorized one activity. Our students have turned that into one weekend of activity instead. So this is how it will work:
      - i. Friday, May 14 will be the senior banquet. It will be on campus, no dance associated with it as in the past, because on Saturday, the 15<sup>th</sup> will be Prom.
      - ii. Saturday, the 15<sup>th</sup> will be Ragnahalla... a combination of our Valhalla music festival and traditional Ragnarok competition. Students will have to have tickets to everything, because we have to be able to control who is there, who has been vaccinated, who has been tested, etc. We have to be able to know this in order have these events. NO NON-VHS Student can attend, with the exception of a home school student in our boundary. Davis Connect has not been decided 100% yet.
      - iii. Testing- all students have to be tested or vaccinated. Testing will be Friday, between 9-2. If the student is fully vaccinated, meaning 2 shots, and have the proof, then they do not need to test. Otherwise they need to test. They can only be tested if they have purchased tickets to attend an event. There may be 800-1000 students, so we can't do this .... Ticket sales will be cut off on May 7. Students cannot test without a permission slip which is on myDSD. They MUST be on our ticket list, they cannot show up that day if they are not on the list. Prom will be divided into two sections, and we are thinking of capping the first one at 400. It will depend on how many tickets are pre-sold. We anticipate that seniors will shoot for the later session. Unlike other normal dances where you must buy one couples' ticket, you will receive two tickets in case one of the couple were to get Covid and be unable to come, then the other person could still come and attend. Masks will be required at all of these events. We will do our best to enforce it.

- b. Graduation: Why do our grads have to be tested but those who are attending don't have to? We are responsible for our students and their safety. We are not responsible for visitors who might be there. We will be spread out for seating. And 3<sup>rd</sup>, we had to make a lot of concessions with Weber State University, our host.
- c. Not unlimited seating. We don't have a test date but it's going to be either the 26<sup>th</sup> or 27<sup>th</sup>, for seniors. Either a negative test or a vaccine card. Graduation is on May 28. The reason for the change is one of the agreed changes we had to concede to in order to have our graduation there. Our track is being torn up, The Dee Event Center is a testing and vaccination site now, and because of that they had to change the dates. We don't have a test date.
- d. Tickets: every grad will get 2 tickets, guaranteed. Then we are going to have a request email where you can send an email with your name, grad's name and email address and tell us if you need 1 or 2 tickets, no more than 2. Best case you're going to get 4, but no matter what you will get 2. It will be live streamed. Read the senior letter, carefully,
- e. The all-Night party is now the night of the 28<sup>th</sup>, starting at 11:00, doors lose at 12, and they will open at 5:30. Viewmont students only.
- f. Yearbooks will be able to get their yearbooks on the afternoon of the 27<sup>th</sup> and sophomores and juniors will be handing them out on the last week of school. Discussion was had about teachers encouraging students to get vaccinated. Mr. Smith explained that teachers are not supposed to do that, even though they sometimes wear their emotions on their sleeves and cannot help expressing their opinion.

Jenny Pitt asked if there were any other issues. There were none. She thanked the council for their work during this year. Tiffany Rees made motion to adjourn, the motion was seconded, and the meeting was adjourned.