

Community Council Meeting October 6, 2022

Minutes

In Attendance: Rich Swanson, Mike Call, Brenda Bacon, Paulynn Hacking, Shalice Larsen, , J.D. Griffith, Becky Dunleavy, Jill Lacy, Jon Hunter, Sarah Cresep, Shon Feller (admin), Mylei Zachman (admin), Tim Allen (admin) Christy Mortensen excused, Tristen Beck excused.

Welcome – Rich Swanson

Agenda items:

1. Sweethearts dance set for Feb 18th is over Presidents Day weekend. Just last night it was discussed with our SBO advisor to move it to the week before due to conflicts with the DJ. Principal Swanson mentioned planning dances, activities, etc. is always tough with all that happens in the school and community. We typically try to have dances on the same nights as other schools to limit issues with other students from other schools.
2. Follow up from last months discussion regarding valedictorian at FHS: Principal Swanson talked with all high schools in the district. Two schools of ten recognize valedictorian. LHS will allow any student who qualifies receives valedictorian status. Council member Cresep says we should give more recognition to academics. The item will be taken to department chairs and JSSC. Other schools that have gone through this process have found issues with the discussion. Cresep was concerned that not recognizing a valedictorian in our first graduation 5 years ago showed the school didn't think "smart kids were nice" or "they were mean" and shouldn't get a chance to speak. Another follow up will take place next week.
3. Could FHS allow students to opt out of Summit and choose to do canvas. Swanson said at this point with FHS there are many issues that come along with that but it really depends on the needs of the students/teachers. Mrs. Dunleavy, a science teacher, asked the group what they are opting out of as she is a teacher and will teach the same content either way. Mrs. Cresep says that the school is damaging students by making them be on Summit, both educationally and personally. Mrs. Bacon, our special ed, reviewed how Summit works in the classroom and the benefits of what it teaches. Lot of discussion of best practices, teacher preferences, etc. Mrs. Cresap continued with concerns about talking to parents in her community and their concerns and she is adamant that it is bad for kids. Mr. Hunter asked what the other options are if they don't want Summit (Davis connect, variance to another district school). More parent support and education would be a great thing. Mr. Swanson said pinpointing specific concerns is the key to making changes and once we have we can address them specifically. What's the best way to help the students? Stress and anxiety aren't a Summit issues, it's a district, state and national problem.
4. Stacy Edholm, FHS Swim coach, spoke regarding the issues of not having a home pool for the swim team. Our school is growing every year and the only pool available in Farmington is outdoor and closes during swim season. Issues of pool availability and transportation put our team at a disadvantage. Ms. Edholm says the only solution to these problems is to build a pool in Farmington. She continued to list the issues with the pool time, SDRC issues, transportation, etc. Principal Swanson gave a background in the district working with the city and the business manager at the district has explained that we have capital money to support this and other

projects. At this point there are issues with who will pay for what. Mr. Hunter had spoken with the mayor last week and said it comes down to paying for yearly maintenance costs. A letter to the City Council of Farmington to continue to have that on the agenda of their meetings is a great next step.

5. Graduation 1pm May 25th 2023 at Weber State University.
6. Mr. Swanson explained how dances work and invited all the parents to come and experience the dances and provide any feedback. Experiences and issues were explained.
7. Mr. Hunter mentioned the ideas from the community to develop traditions for things like Homecoming, putting an "F" on the mountain, etc. Mr. Swanson wants to put an F on the mountain. There would have to be a private citizen to donate land. A student group is working on getting a street by the school changed to a Farmington High name. As these ideas come up the school is fully supportive of adding things to build these traditions.

For next meeting: find specific Summit concerns to discuss as well as work to get the swim concerns on the city council agenda.

Meeting adjourned: Next Meeting November 10, 2022 in Counseling Center Conference Room