

Clearfield High School Community Council

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4 PM CHS Library

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Welcome, Benjamin Kotter

Minutes

Christopher Keime

- Teacher Retention

Teacher retention at CHS has been at 50-60% in the past 3 years. A chart comparing CHS retention to comparison schools was provided. It was suggested to check with HR for exit interviews and contact the comparison schools to see what they are doing to retain teachers.

- Absenteeism

The chronic absentee rate is 19.42%. This is significantly down from November, when the rate was 41.08%.

- School Goals Discussion

The student pass rate for terms 1 and 2 was provided. Pass rates are down from 2020 (pre-soft closure) and slightly down from 2021 (hybrid schedule). Suggestions were to discuss the data with the departments, remind teachers to make the students attending the priority of their contract time, and continue to hold high standards as the school returns to pre-pandemic expectations. Graduation rates are predicted to follow the same pattern as the pass rates.

Student surveys of teachers data was discussed. There were 82.18% “yes” results on the surveys. The school goal was 84%. Suggestions included asking students to define “interesting” in school terms rather than free-time expectations and encourage teachers to informally check in with students about the results and ask students what they would like to see in class.

WIDA testing will be in 4 weeks. Students will test with their teacher, instead of a district person. This will hopefully create more buy-in from students. Other incentives were discussed.

Chris will send a packet with current goal information for the council to think about prior to the next meeting. Members should consider if goals should be kept, changed, or adjusted. Next year’s goals will be discussed in February and voted on in March.

- TSSA Budget Information

The school will lose its GearUp Grant and accompanying funding at the end of this school year. Overage in the TSSA budget will be used to maintain employees whose salaries are currently funded through GearUp. CHS will learn in the fall if feeder junior highs were selected to host a GearUp cohort.

- Land Trust Grant Application

Liz Abercrombie requested \$2537 to attend APSI by the Sea this summer. Her current pass rate is 75%, and she hopes to improve it to over 90%. She will return and train other AP teachers. *approved

- Counseling Office

Course requests for next year are coming up. Falcon Preview will be held on Feb. 6.

Counselors encouraged students to check their second semester schedules in advance by offering free schedule changes until winter break. Post-break

schedule changes cost \$10. The fee will be waived for students in need. It was suggested that all teachers have their mentoring students check schedules in Dec. of next year to ensure that students resolve schedule issues in advance.

- Other Items

The school board discussed the approved bond in their last meeting. The CHS rebuild was not mentioned in the list of projects. Chris assured that the school will receive its bond money for the rebuild. The rebuild will occur in 3 phases, and the design needs to be approved before the school board will discuss it. Anticipated groundbreaking is summer 2024