

Highland Jr. High
 Community Council Meeting Minutes
 February 15, 2023
 4:00 pm

PRESENT: Velden Wardle, Bianca Mittendorf, Angie Barley, Stephanie Wyman, Mitch Boatright

WELCOME: Bianca Mittendorf, Chair

Review and Approve December 7, 2022 CC Minutes – Motion to approve December 7, 2022 CC Minutes - December 7, 2022 CC Minutes Approved.

PRINCIPAL REPORT: Velden Wardle;

- Year to Date Budget review – Trust Land Budget & Expenditures 2022-23

<u>Budget</u>		<u>Expenditures to date</u>	
Salaries (Lang Arts teacher and staff asst)	127,828	Salaries	95,237
Expendable items (supplies, TV w/wiring)	65,500	Expendable items	42,000
Software (Hero program-tracking student rewards)	5,000	Software	5,000
TOTAL	198,328	TOTAL	142,237
		Remaining;	55,973
		(student supplies for upcoming school year- binder, pencils, markers, etc)	15,000 approx
2022-23 Distribution (Total allotment)	107,640		
2021-22 Carryover	90,570		
TOTAL funds available	198,210	2022-23 Carryover	40,973 approx-

Proposed 2023-24 Land Trust Budget/Plan and Expenditures – School Goals

Estimated funding for 2023-24	110,000
Goal #1 – Increase percentage of students earning credit, and “on track” for graduation by 5% from last year	
Salaries (Credit recovery Staff Asst/In class tutor)	15,000
Teacher Extra pay for after school tutoring	3,000
Software (Hero program -License & tracking)	5,000
Student supplies for following year (binders, pencils, markers, etc)	15,000

Goal #2 – Increase percentage of students who demonstrate proficiency in Language Arts as measured by end of level testing or STAR reading test growth

Salary (Language Art Teacher)	80,000
TOTAL	118,000 (using approx. 8,000 from last year Carryover)

If there are excess funds after disbursements, funds will go toward 4 additional Classroom TVs w/Wiring and/or Student Calculators for math classrooms.

- Goal Progress – Highland is seeing huge improvement in student reading levels; reports indicate students increasing one to two grade levels since the beginning of the year. Additional strategies are in place to help our MLL students with their reading and comprehension skills.
- Highland no longer participates in the TSSP program, this was a limited time program that is no longer available. Unfortunately, there is no data available to report.
- Highland School Improvement report – We have had a group of visiting personnel reaching out to students, teachers, and parents compiling improvement recommendations - the results of those recommendations will be provided in a meeting on March 17, 2023 from 8:30 to 11:30 am, an invitation was extended to all Community Council Members to attendance.
- Student Behavior – the following is a graph showing the improvement in the overall Behavior from last year;

2021-22 1st Semester	2022-23 1st Semester
1,106 Office Referrals	610 Office Referrals – huge improvement
1,464 Minor Incidents	2,140 Minor Incidents – lower-level incidents handled in classroom
366.93 Out-of-School Suspension Days	461.26 Out-of-School Suspension Days – increasing days out w/assignment to return
147.36 In-School Suspension Days	61.45 In-School Suspension Days

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Student behavior overall has improved, students are getting to class on time, the halls are clear of wondering students, they are in class ready to learn, teacher classroom management has improved due to trainings and Admin/IC support.

COUNSELOR NEWS:

9TH grade CCRs are complete, there was great parent support in the small group setting to help plan and prepare their student for High School.

Counselors focus for the next few months will be getting our 9th grade students “on track” for graduation - working on credit recovery options, after school tutoring, preparing them for summer school if needed, etc.

On February 7th the 9th grade students participated in a tour at the O-Tech in Ogden, this was a very positive experience for our students - guiding them through the different opportunities O-TECH has to offer, choosing a career path, what they need to do to be ready for the next educational level.

Upcoming – 8th grade Reality Town Activity scheduled in early April – this is a great opportunity for our students to prepare for life experiences – the students are excited and truly enjoy this activity.

8th grade CCR’s will be during the student’s CCA class time scheduled for mid-April.

2023-24 7th grade orientation was held January 25th, the students had a great time, we are getting reports from the feeding elementaries the students enjoyed their visit and getting excited to attend Highland.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

Council members were encouraged to participate in the up-coming surveys being sent out to our parents, students, and teachers and to help encourage all neighboring parents to participate as well, which will help with school improvement and community participation.

Suggestions to reach out to the nearby Universities for students participating in, Education or Counseling degrees, for additional help in tutoring or supporting in the Credit Recovery programs. This could lead to the possibility to hire part time college students while earning their degree, or intern hours required for graduation.

Motion to adjourn 5:00 pm

Next meeting – April 12, 2023 @ 4:00 pm