

## CDJH Community Council Meeting, October 4, 2022, 4:30pm

Those in attendance: Tawna Smith (principal), Brandt Shaw (assistant principal), Michelle Downard (teacher), Bryan Morris (parent), Shellie Ashby (parent), Jennifer Perry (parent), Debbie Mulholland (parent), Renae Curtis (PTA representative), Houston Davis (8<sup>th</sup> grade student), Caleb Andrews (8<sup>th</sup> grade student – Caleb left meeting at 4:46)

Not in attendance: Katie Barber (teacher), Christine Torres (parent), Ismar Vallecillos (Parent)

**Review and approval of May Minutes: Tawna Smith, approved, Jennifer Perry seconded, all in favor.**

**Dress Code:** Houston Davis addressed community council regarding the wearing of hats during school. His reasoning- if you wake up late, you won't have to fix your hair; more confidence; in winter your head will stay warm. Received 300+ signatures on a petition from students/parents. Mrs. Smith asked how individual students will feel about hat policies similar to cell phone policies. Debbie Mullholland asked if teachers would be ok with it, if it would be a distraction. Mrs. Downard said past hat days can sometimes be a distraction and asked how students will be respectful towards other students. Houston said that hats were a distraction to some students because hat days were only once in a while. If could always wear hats, wouldn't be an issue, would become the norm. Mr. Shaw said that some hats can be distracting. If hats are approved, must be specific in stating what is appropriate vs. inappropriate. Mrs. Smith said that different schools have different regulations regarding hats (not cover ears; no hoods; if it isn't allowed on shirt, not allowed on hats; etc.) Mr. Shaw asked boys to "vet" signatures & make sure they were students/parents at CDJH. Debbie Mullholland had concerns regarding hats being an additional burden to teachers. Jennifer Perry had concerns that students will hide behind hats. Mrs. Downard said that hats could be distraction. Mr. Shaw said most department chairs didn't have concerns with hats. Renae Curtis asked Houston why some schools don't allow hats. Houston said that security cameras can't see faces fully with hats, but that kids wear the same backpacks and shoes, so they can still be identified. Mr. Shaw encouraged Houston to get the students' parents to respond to survey, get them involved.

**Bryan Morris motioned for the administration to gather more data (from other schools, survey parents, input from teachers, etc.) then discuss at next CC meeting. Possible trial run with hats for rest of school year starting at semester, will discuss more after data is gathered. Debbie seconded, all in favor.**

*(Houston excused at 5:03pm)*

**Books Challenged in Library:** District has a counsel that will read challenged books. Must have committee at school level including a representative from PTA, Community Council, Parent, Librarian, and school Admin. School library committee will go through lists of books to vet them before purchase. \$3500 to purchase books, but must be vetted first. Shellie Ashby to be CC representative.

**Elections:** Jennifer Perry as Chair, all in favor.

Michelle Downard as Co-Chair, all in favor.

Christine Torres as Secretary with Shellie Ashby as Co- Secretary, all in favor.

**Meeting time/dates for future meetings:** 4:30pm on first Wednesdays of January, February, and May. May add additional meetings if needed.

**On agenda for next meeting:** Hats & possibility of changing Dress Code

**Motion to adjourn, Debbie, Bryan seconded, all in favor.**

**Adjourn 5:58pm. Next meeting – Wednesday January 4<sup>th</sup>, 4:30pm.**