

# **Community Council Meeting: September 14, 2023**

## **Minutes**

**In Attendance:** Justin Whittaker, Paulynn Hacking, Brenda Bacon, JD Griffith, Tristin Beck, Sarah Cresap, Becky Dunleavy, Mike Call, Allison Dunn, Jon Hunter, Camie Sunderland,

**Excused:** Sal Gianni

### **Agenda Items:**

- 1. Welcome – Principal Whittaker welcomed the council and introductions were made.**
- 2. Nominations and Election of Chair and Vice Chair – Principal Whittaker read the election rules to the council. He motioned to open the nominations and was seconded.**
  - a. Sarah Cresap self-nominated stating she was just a parent and had no ties to the district.**
  - b. JD Griffith nominated Jon Hunter stating his great experience. Jon Hunter was elected chair by majority vote. Paulynn Hacking was the single nomination for Vice Chair and will serve in that capacity.**
- 3. Jill Lacy – Jill filled in last year on the council for Chris Brower, a teacher who had left FHS during her term. She only served the one year term and will not continue on council this year.**
- 4. Review of policy SS-100 in regards to “detaining and questioning students” – Some parents had reached out to council members Paulynn and Sarah regarding what they considered harsh language in this policy as it pertains to detaining students. While this council doesn’t have the power to change the language Ms. Cresap mentioned the potential power of the council to suggest changes to the language to the school board. Mr. Whittaker explained the process administrators will follow, according to district policy, when there is discipline with the students. Each student and situation is different and having policies in place allow for administrators to make the best decisions for each student and family. Ms. Cresap thought switching the order of the language on the policy and submitting that to the School Board to review. Ms. Cresap was asked to provide a version via email and was. A MOTION was made by Mr. Hunter to have that written and then reviewed by the council. She will send it out via email to the council and then it will be reviewed at our next meeting.**
- 5. School facility upgrades and project committees – We will need a council member to help serve on a library committee that is asked to review books that the library will be purchase each month. Paulynn Hacking volunteered to be a part of that. The other committee is for the turf field that the school is hoping to put in on the East field. JD and Camie both volunteered to serve on this committee. Mr. Whittaker gave a history of the issues with the two extra grass fields. At this point both grass fields are unplayable because there is no top soil under the grass, just clay. Mr. Whittaker has gotten approval to fundraise for this field which will be a practice and game field. The goal is to provide the quality to have the east field for games. Total will be just under \$2 million and all of that has to be raised by the school and would include the turf construction as well as light for the field. Some donors are already lined up but more are needed. The timeline is based on how quickly the money can be raised. Both soccer teams, both lacrosse teams, marching band, football, etc. all will get use of the field. Trustlands funds can’t be used for any building or athletic. The committee will be made of**

parents, coaches, community members, and staff. The last project is that FHS will be getting a Teen Center. This will be run slightly different than others in the district. In lieu of shower, laundry and other physical needs, it will be a place for students to get mental health support (calming room). Student Govt will be doing a fundraiser in the spring to support this.

6. Update on Summit Learning change coming next year – Summit announced that they will not be using the platform after this year and things will most likely transfer to Canvas. There aren't any more details available at this time but more information will be coming to the school in the coming months. One of the goals will be to keep teachers in their PLC's working at the same pace. The Summit platform allows for that much easier. At this point there are a lot of questions but the school does not know what it will look like. More info will be provided as the school receives it. No matter what our teachers are amazing and do a great job with our students. No matter the platform the teachers will continue to work to serve our kids. Transition plans will be put in place for teachers and students and an onboarding will be planned.

Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting: October 12, 2023