

Cottonwood High School Community Council Meeting minutes of April 6th, 2021

MEETING MINUTES

Attendance: Principal Terri Roylance, Assistance Principal Jeremy Smith, Dave Gudge, Dave Henderson, Robin Ivins, Marci Olsen, Teresa Olsen, Javita Henderson, Michelle Luker, Cathy McDonald, Eliza Pedersen, Mitzi Netelback(PTA)

Meeting minutes approved via email for March.

Meeting officiated by Chair David Gudge

Updates from Principal Roylance:

Meeting Agenda #1

- School Safety & Student Health
- Why are councils involved?
- How can councils add something of value?

1. Need to make an amendment to the Land Trust:

Over estimated so want to add 1 more teacher to it so we don't have over 10% carry over. A instructional Coach for 1/2 year.

David motion to vote for it and Robyn second it.

2. Graduation Plan for 2021: see Principal Roylance's attached outline for the overall discussion.

Students took a vote across the county (from Principal Roylance's options listed on her outline that was put together) and seniors want a traditional ceremony with parents in attendance.

2 options (meeting with committee today-results by Friday)

1- Auditorium-pros listed on attached outline from Principal Roylance's outline.

2- Football Field (has less seating and could be affected by weather-could not do a quick move inside).

Graduation Night Party: Normally held at All Star Bowling in West Valley 10am-3pm with seniors bused to location with PTSA in charge. It has been asked to have this at the school.

3. Theatre productions:

Spring-Tuck Everlasting

Fall- Annie

Robyn-Theatre:

-Concern about a parent that had concern about some productions as far as bad words being used or parents being ok with content being used.

- Community council should approve the productions so we don't lose the best Theatre teacher in the state. That being said parents had a good point. For guest, they see it once or twice but the students have to rehearse it everyday for months. Theatre teacher offered a solution that if the child is uncomfortable then feel free not to say it.

Principal Roylance agreed with Community Council approving the Theatre productions.

4. Biggest concern continues: Falling students!!!!

-Low or no engagement from distance learners.

5. Accreditation by Cognia will happen during 2021-22. Jeremy Brooks from the school is on the committee.

6. Land Trust Plan data: see chart provided on attachment from Principal Roylance.

Few notes:

Failing Grades Summary: Hired 2 new out reach people for home visits being upped from 1/ week to Daily home visits(at the door visits).

**Cathy McDonald-Math Teacher- states of the failing students that it is half and half of distance learning and face to face.

Attendance Summary: Attendance does not have distance learning attendance.

Meeting Agenda #2: 2022-2023 Plan from District:

- David- I did some research for next years distance learning and the students will be grouped together. Attendance will be required. Information straight from the District. The Distance learning students will be all together under 1 teacher that has a free period to teach them.

- Senior awards night(Can not do the dinner)
- Senior Dinner Dance-Held at Cottonwood Country Club(Can not serve food but can do packaged food to hand out).

Meeting Agenda #3: Peer to Peer Mentoring Update-Teresa Olsen

- Still working on the logistics. Doing a class with everyone and it will be done on Canvas. Also in charge of Year End Testing ASPIRE which is taking 1 priority at this time.
- Clark sent out the video to the District and people are excited about it.
- David- The video was great.
- Teresa- not sure the need will be as big next year.
- Clark- It is still a good program but the criteria just might change, etc . Freshman's?

Meeting Agenda #4: Digital Safety Planning Update: Michelle and Nanette

- Next meeting.

Meeting Agenda #5: Feedback For Granite School Board:

- Clark-The late start Monday's will be back. We will be back in school 5 days a week in the fall.

Meeting Agenda #6: SBO Elections-Robyn

- Speaking from her experience as far as her son-He never saw any of the video's for participants. Maybe we should have picked a specific day and period to see all the participants video's then vote.
- Principal Roylance-Had to figure out how to reach the distance learners.
- Robyn-Student Body officers pictures should be posted from day one.

Meeting Agenda #7: ACT Tutors for underprivileged kids-Robyn

- Is there a way our kids can somehow get tutored.
- Can Community Council provide any funding or a bus to help kids get tutored 1/week?
 - Principal Roylance-Some College's this year have opted out of ACT's.
- Clarke-5 years ago we had ACT tutor programs.
 - Principal Roylance-It was paid for by the students. The best thing is for the school to have it during the school day. She has other funding to look into.

-Cathy McDonald-Math Teacher- she has mostly Jr. & Sr.'s every Friday and she puts up 3-5 questions related to ACT.

-Robyn- this years standard ACT prep test was on Chrome Book and some students felt unprepared. Cathy McDonald-math teacher states that she didn't know the format herself. ACT tutors are preparing student on paper instead of Chrome Book. Maybe that needs to be accessed. Principal Roylance-students are used to doing digital so writing things down will slow them down. Something to consider. Another school in the district had internet issues that day and had to do paper but Cottonwood's internet was good.

Video links shared on meeting agenda:

School Land Trust program history: <https://youtu.be/qir0wFacsyk>

School Safety and Student Health: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5TN-V1BUVEE>

Also attached to email is Principal Roylance's Principal's update outline.