

Cottonwood High School Community Council Meeting minutes of March 2nd, 2021

MEETING MINUTES

Attendance: Principal Terri Roylance, Assistance Principal Jeremy Smith, Dave Gudgell, Dave Henderson, Robin Ivins, Marci Olsen, Teresa Olsen, Amy Thomas, Tracey Arlen, Javita Henderson, Michelle Luker, Chris Julian, Cathy McDonald, Eliza Pedersen.

Meeting minutes approved via email from February.

Meeting officiated by Chair David Gudgell

Updates from Principal Roylance:

- Title 1 Funding: Went on hold last month due to the Board meeting where Principle Roylance presented for Cottonwood and Granger to keep their funding and how it is allocated with documentation on the data. Board voted to keep Cottonwood and Granger funding committing for only 1 more year. Board said the elementary data wasn't conclusive enough to pull money from the Jr. Highs and High schools. Clarke Nelson is a big advocate for our network. Not promoting or advertising for him. Clarke and Superintendent Baits both voted to keep it the way it stands as of now.
- Number that help make that decision:
 - o Reading Data Aug. 16th
 - o Math Scores ACT(Jr), Aspire+ (9th & 10th)
 - o Failure Rate (This is a Big one across the country this year)

LAND TRUST PROPOSAL:

Fund 2-2.5 Math Teachers

*smaller class sizes

*everyday math(struggling students)

10th grade Sec 1-1st sem

Sec 2-2nd sem

11th grade Sec 2-1st sem

Sec 3-2nd sem

DISCUSSION BELOW ABOUT LAND TRUST PREPOSAL:

- Land Trust is about \$220,000 which is a lot of money but most parents can not help their children at home with Math.
- Many students are failing 3 semesters so far and could be at risk of failing a 4th.
- Robin- We need to be sure to show how we allocated that money to this much needed plan.
- Principal Roylance- Would like to help fund low AP classes and help students struggling in Math.
- Tracey- Are we going to just assign those struggling students to the everyday math?
- Principal Roylance- the students needing to take the math everyday will get a letter(kids failing math)to help them understand the need of taking it instead of an elective.
- 7 hour Principals meeting tomorrow to pan out all of these things.
- Superintendent says that 3-5% of on-line students are thriving with no problems. Also states there will definitely be a dip in graduation.
- Dave Henderson-Is our 12th graders going to miss out on the land trust funding? Principal Roylance-Absolutely but would like to help them if there is enough funding.
- Robin-How are we addressing the students who are really struggling? With them and their parents? Assistant Principal Smith-with the majority of the struggling students the parents have no idea their student is failing.
- Robin- Where do we think the disconnect is? Principal Roylance-Distance learning is a family event and has been explained that way. It takes parents to follow up and make sure students are getting up and actually attending their classes and doing the work. There are many reasons that students are doing distance learning, but the main reason majority students that are doing distance learning is the parents are really worried about Covid.
- Principal Roylance-Dave how do we vote on the Land Trust?
- Robin-What is our English rates? Principal Roylance-We do not have enough funding to do it all.
- Chris Julian-Is this really where we should be allocation the LAND Trust money?
- Cathy McDonald(Math Teacher) students hold off on Math as last to try and do and lots of times it doesn't get done because they don't know how.
- Robin-Voted for Principal Roylance's plan presented for the Land Trust Money.
- Nanette-Second the plan.
- Dave (Chair)- It is a unanimous vote for the Land Trust Funding allocation of Money.

2021/22 Region changes this year- Principal Roylance

- Cottonwoods student count is 4A competition with AIMES (500 students) puts cottonwood closer to 5A. We are really a 4A school for competition. Parents were concerned with all the

travel the students were going to have to do so last year sports competition was voted on for a small region for only 2 years and this year is the last year for it. It gave different competition with less travel. This region is on a RPI system which is based on how many wins. We are competing like 7th & 8th place but not where we would like to be. We are in the top but not State Champs.

Peer to Peer Mentoring: Teresa Olsen:

- Mentor selected students finish the video and will be looking at it this Thursday. The mentors will be presenting it next week to the students. Hope to have every distance learner a mentor starting next week.
- Dave-how many mentors do we have?
- Teresa-115 to 120 Mentors. Can send the video out for all of us to view.

Digital Safety Plan Update:

Update provided by Michelle Luker below:

I corresponded with the person in charge of Collin Kartchner's company, Save the Kids.

Michelle Rigby
602.321.0255
www.savethekids.us

We are deeply saddened by the sudden loss of Collin Kartchner. Our hearts are still hurting.

There are a few different ways we can bring his message to your school. The best option is to have one of my speakers come to your school and present to 20-50 students in your auditorium (or a classroom) where the school could broadcast into all the other classrooms. If this is something you would like to look into, please let me know and we will start making arrangements.

Due to Covid, our calendar is pretty open at the moment. I am in the process of hiring/training/coaching five speakers to go and spread the message. I have actually presented the STK message to several locations in AZ and would be happy to offer my services to you. We could do a Zoom event and keep everything virtual or I would love to fly back up to Utah and do small presentations to the students in your school.

Fees vary from \$500 to \$2500 depending on what your needs are.

- With the owner passing the company is still doing in person visits.
- Dave- the school will not allow face to face so it will have be done virtually.

- Nanette-This is a great documentary on Netflix called '**Social Delimma**' that would be great to show in sections in classrooms due to it being a little long for one time showing. Not sure if it will be appropriate to show due to language?
- Teresa-It shows how we are all being controlled.
- Dave- It does only show on Netflix.
- Michelle-Virtual teaching would be like \$500.
- Principal Roylance-We can definitely find the money for this program.
- Robin- We should all watch the documentary and assess if it can help the students with Digital Safety.
- Dave- The only concern is how many families have access to Netflix.

ROUND TABLE:

- Dave any questions?
- Robin-Any plans to have PROM if so we need to start planning.
- Principal Roylance-The request has been submitted but not been approved yet. Some other districts have gotten it approved. Everyone is trying to get it approved.