

Cottonwood High School Community Council Meeting minutes of May 4th, 2021

MEETING MINUTES

Attendance: Principal Terri Roylance, David Gudgell, Dave Henderson, Robin Ivins, Marci Olsen, Teresa Olsen, Javita Henderson, Cathy McDonald, Eliza Pedersen, Clarke Nelson, Nanette Amis,

Meeting minutes approved via email for April.

Meeting officiated by Chair David Gudgell

Updates from Principal Roylance:

Meeting Agenda #1

1. Graduation plan for 2021: (Principal Roylance outline)

- * Graduation will be held in the Auditorium, 1:00 pm(We are very fortunate to be able to have the facility to do this).
 - 5 tickets per senior(@1800 with the capacity of 3100 so will be able to social distance)
 - Families sit together; two seats between families which means we need triple the ushers(normal amount is 7).
 - Mask worn by all in attendance.
 - Will have no weather issues since it is in doors.
 - Comfortable seating
 - Musical numbers and speakers easily heard.
 - Graduation pictures taken in auditorium following walk across the stage.
- * Graduation Night Party(Graduation Night)
 - All Star Bowling in West Valley
 - 10:00 pm- 3:00 am
 - Seniors bused to location
 - PTSA in charge-Still need parent chaperones on the buses.

*Clarke-Is there a possibility of streaming graduation so for the families that have at risk grandparents can watch from home? Principal Roylance-we should, I will have to check into that.

***We will have credit recovery- we do have the funds for it and we are looking at a new program this week called RFP. Hope to have more information next meeting.

***Jumpstart program for the summer is June 7th-July.

2. Theatre productions:

- Spring-Tuck Everlasting-going on now. Thur.-Mon.(no Sunday)
- Fall- Annie-Try-outs next Thursday.

3. Accreditation by Cognia will happen during 2021-22:

- Happens every 5 years.
- Looks at the vision statement and data for the school.

4. Vision Statement-Cottonwood leadership team presentation: Jamie Spencer & Camille Crawly

- Jamie: Cottonwood does not have a mission statement. Every school needs a good vision and mission statement.
- Camille: We sent out a message with a list to see what was important to students and parents as far as over all message:

*Parents-accountability

*Students-Confidence

We feel like you can't have one without the other so we wanted to combine them in the statement.

- **Mission statement: *Cultivate Excellence and Foster a Global Community.***

Meeting Agenda #2: Parent Suggestion-Students leaving School-Eliza:

- Students coming in then leaving school all day. Maybe we could have a member of the community council work with local businesses around the school to not serve the students during school hours.

- Robyn- I see the owner of the business having trouble with that considering the amount of money he makes off the students.

Suggestion: The gas station owner calls the resource officer if there is a group over there after they make a purchase.

- Principal Roylance: The school is going back to 1 lunch next year so maybe that will help.

Meeting Agenda #3: Feedback For Granite School Board:

-Marci-Kids do not like distance learning.

-David & Dave- Our kids love it.

-Clarke-Board having an information presentation tonight possibly to late start on Fridays with rotating A & B days on Fridays.

- * Concerned with that due to teacher planning for every other week.
- *. Principal Roylance took a vote of hands from her staff and it was split down the middle of the late Friday starts.
- * Cathy McDonald(Math teacher)-There will be no GTI with this schedule! Principal Roylance-students with GTI will do distance learning on the Friday late start. Have to look at the teacher contacts?
- * David & Tracey- Early Out typically is a free fall so maybe if distance learning late check in might work better.
- * Dave Henderson-Like the streaming of everything for grandparents. Definitely a good thing.
- * Cathy McDonald-For Distance Learners, students feel like it is a loss for them in Math.
- * Nanette-Does it look like we will have distance learning-always now? Clarke- Can't say always but it will be somewhat of an option at least this coming year. Board will keep evaluating going forward.
- * Principal Roylance-There is a true Mental Health issue that we are going to have to address. Nanette-Does the school have a social worker or therapist available all during school? Principal Roylance- Yes we have a good social worker. Clarke- Hopefully this ESSR funding will help the next couple of years with the mental health. Robyn-I volunteer at the school and I felt prompted to write one of the students a really nice note not knowing anything going on in her life and she was really appreciative. It helps these kids to just feel someone really cares.
- * Clarke- Excited about the new superintendent.

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

- Nanette-We said Social Dilemma.
- David- Need to write something up to add to the news letter that goes out to everyone.

Meeting Agenda #5: Peer to Peer Mentoring Update-Teresa Olsen

- Up and Running.
- Each mentor student has 4-5 mentee's.
- Mentor instructed to do what the mentee wanted.
- 4 teachers overseeing the program.
- Hope to have some results or assessment next meeting.

Meeting Agenda #6: Round Table

- Robyn to Clarke-When students sign up for free on-line, do we lose funding? Clarke-Funding follows the student.
- Michelle(through David who is in attendance)-Falling trees & replanting. Does Cottonwood replant falling/loss trees? Ivory Homes has a big tree planting project. Clarke-I have some connections there and I will reach out to see if we can tap into the Holladay Project they do.
- Principal Roylance-We didn't have a big turn out for the Covid Test Clinic for vaccinations. I do realize that the 12-15 yr olds are coming up so we didn't have that group to attend. Hopefully we will have a better turn out the next one that is held. Clarke- which they considered AP Testing to be fully vaccinated but missed the window on that. Robyn-opening for 12-15 yr olds to start getting testing?

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>

