CHS Community Council minutes 4-12-22

In attendance:

Terri Roylance, Mike Douglas, Dave Gudgell, Tracey Arlen, Kelly Oaks, Greg Wilking, Chris Julian, Mauricio Rascon, Marci Olson, Robyn Ivins, Michelle Luker, Teresa Olsen, Adam Wilkins, Lea Smith

PBL discussion: As a council, we still feel like our answers weren't really heard and by sending in questions ahead of time, we "armed" the district with what to say to us. We are bothered that the meeting with them lasted the whole hour and there was no time for Q&A or concerns. We feel like they will not make any changes and aren't listening to parents or teachers on this matter and at this point there is really nothing we can do.

No one on the council questions the philosophy of PBL, but it just isn't working. Teachers are still frustrated.

Terri attended a principal's retreat where they discussed PBL at length and most feel the way Cottonwood does, but we are up against a brick wall.

We need to pay close attention and let the district know as things are happening next year in regards to PBL. Get on top of any problems or questions early.

Teachers need new/better training so they know what they can do within PBL - hard deadlines, no late work etc.

Theatre dept - Sweet Science of Bruising, a 1 hour, 1 act play

Debate won region and took 2nd in State which is the best in over 20 years!!! Yay Adam!

First Robotics is the name of the competition that our team competed in at Weber State. Named the Cottonwood Underdogs. Nearly all girls and/or refugee students.

6 teachers are retiring or leaving Cottonwood at the end of this year.

Cottonwood Celebration Night - being sponsored by the district with dinner, games, activities on May 12th. Need to advertise. Get a flier that we can put on social media.

May 25th - final Parent Information Night. The last one was a success, earlier ones have not been.

A, B and C Block class numbers are very low but we want to offer the classes so Trust lands money is being used to fund the teacher for those classes.

ELL classes need to be smaller - Trust lands money also being used.

CHS new principal Mike Douglas will start July 1st. He gave us his vision as we move forward. "The Student First and Always" is his motto.

Next meeting - May 3rd in Adam's room