
Cyprus Community Council Meeting

MINUTES FEBRUARY 11, 2013

ATTENDEES	Stephen Hess, Dottie Alo, Jeremy Brooks, Tom Hansen, Amy Mortensen, Arlene Bryce, Melissa Smith, Tracy Atkinson, Elizabeth Weight, Craig Sudbury, Kelly Lamont, Jolene Winder.
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Agenda topics

TOPIC 1	Registration
REPORT	Jeremy Brooks reported on the 3-year program to combine marketing and graphics skills that he and Mr. Bodell have developed and that is being presented as a registration item for next year.

TOPIC 2	District Council Report – Jolene Winder
REPORT	<p>Reported on the district presentation about how FTE is determined. Community Councils may report up to 0.5 FTE for a specialist, in addition to the basic computation.</p> <p>The decision has been made to retain music teachers in elementary schools, 12 hours in each school – each school will develop teaching schedules, be accountable for school-wide art/music curriculum, and design how they will utilize the specialist.</p>

TOPIC 3	PSAT and Concurrent Enrollment Process
REPORT AND DISCUSSION	<p>Craig explained that, previously, there hadn't been a lot of interest in PSAT. Now, with AVID, "the Plan," and the ACT taken by all juniors, there is much more interest. However, consideration must be given to the fact that the college board charges a return fee on all returned PSAT materials. Next year, Craig will order, publicize, and organize to allow for more to test. PSAT qualifies students for National Merit Scholarships; there has not been a student finalist at Cyprus for a few years. "The Plan" is a more efficient testing option with lower cost and providing the same test information. It will also meet the condition for a college test which must be noted on college application forms.</p> <p>There are increasing testing issue and developments for AP testing and other courses connected with concurrent enrollment. AP tests have a \$13. nonrefundable fee, even for unused AP tests. The counselors are planning to announce and publicize tests, dates, and procedures.</p> <p>Concurrent enrollment: The registration deadline for SLCC is before August 15, SLCC. This is before Cyprus classes begin. Also, there is a fee to enroll, and many courses require placement tests; Cyprus already provides the math placement test. Other new fees are due no later than Sept. 6: \$5./ each credit; information will be on the website.</p> <p>Questions remain about how to advise kids who don't have money, such as those on fee waivers.</p>

TOPIC 4	Letter to Legislators – Mr. Hess
REPORT AND DISCUSSION POINTS	Mr. Hess presented a draft letter regarding the school Land Trust Program for feedback before he sends it to Representative Duckworth and Senator Thatcher, the state legislators for Cyprus High. The letter describes the AVID program and its growth and effectiveness for which trust funds were used. The letter was approved and signed by the members of the community council (Hensen), as well as Mr. Hess.

TOPIC 5	Concerns
REPORTS AND DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School bells are currently ringing 2 minutes earlier than expected under off-campus time. • Discussion of continuing confusion about school attendance on snowy days. • Attendance records; excused absences: The attendance office must be notified by phone call or parent note within one week of an excused absence; since irregularities can occur, it is advised that parents and students note attendance marks. • Notify and update counselors about poor student hygiene issues; they will act as the coordinators to resolve the problem. • There is a concerned request for parents to help chaperone dances. Discussion was held about dress codes and drug use.
TOPIC 6	Other topics
REPORTS AND DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tom Hansen: Request to PTA for AP test proctors; he has discussed with Craig Sudbury already; discussion was held about duties, calendar, time; proctor will need specific training and testing schedule information; Tom will email the time frames.
NEXT MEETING	Meeting adjourned at 3:28 PM Monday, March 11, 2013
MARCH AGENDA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Council rules and meeting procedures • Results of bullying survey