

CYPRUS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

April 13, 2015, 2:30PM, Drama Room

Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Robert McDaniel, Kris Nguyen, Starling Loch, Donelle Dickey, Terilee Herbon, Kelly LaMont, Ryan Spackman, Drew Tuttle, Gary Pope, Anne Clegg, Ken Storrs, Arline Bryce, Amy Mortensen, Lori Huber. Also present, Anitra Koehler, PTSA President/Public Representative, and Sam Mortensen, visitor. Excused Council Members: Lisa Bonnell, Jamie White, John Peterson, Jerry Schaffer, Tonya Aston, Dave Juett, and Valerie Wood.

Agenda Items:

1. Survey. Review of revised letter prepared by Ben Horsley which will be sent out next week advising community of the process of considering reconfiguration of 9th grade from junior high schools to Cyprus High. Survey will consist of a sampling of network patrons (homes of junior high and high school students). Community members not part of the survey sampling will have access to information as to how they can provide input on the reconfiguration. Cottonwood High School reconfiguration survey should go out next week. Cyprus High survey should follow with results to be completed by the end of April. Cyprus Community Council members should use their best efforts to direct community members to available resources and information that will clarify and answer their questions and concerns regarding reconfiguration.
2. 2015-2016 Vacancies and Elections. The one-year term of office for the following Community Council Members will expire at the end of this year: Donelle Dickey, Employee, Terilee Herbon, Employee, John Peterson, Employee, Tonya Aston, Parent, Kris Nguyen, Parent, Ken Storrs, Parent, Amy Mortensen, Parent, Drew Tuttle, Parent. Information for re-application and new applications will be linked on the Cyprus Community Council website and will be provided to parents in the fall registration packets. Cyprus Administration will also send an email to parents inviting applications for Cyprus Community Council.
3. Graduation Mentors. Amy Mortensen and her son, Sam Mortensen, made a presentation to council members regarding the difficulties and challenges for students falling under Section 504 and the current graduation mentor program. Various suggestions were made for making improvements and increasing success including early identification, assigning a coordinating graduating mentor to follow progress and make necessary adjustments over the course of a student's full high school term, act as liaison between student and teachers, and advocate on behalf of the student before the graduation committee. Mr. McDaniel and various council members provided input and information as to developments,

improvements and adjustments in the current identification process, educator awareness of responsibilities and accommodations, and review as to these students' individual needs.

4. Aspen Ridge Counseling Services. Aspen Ridge will be working in with Cyprus High School to provide counseling services. The lack of space at Cyprus makes it impractical to "house" such services at Cyprus as done at other schools. There is an ongoing need for these support resources and Cyprus is considering how to best structure and provide access to such services.
5. Best Test: "Give your best test" is an incentive program designed to encourage primarily sophomores and juniors to do well in the upcoming state testing. An assembly will be held tomorrow to educate students on how Cyprus has performed as a school and provide motivation for the upcoming state tests which commence next week. The Administration has 1,000 prizes they will be giving out through drawings during the month of testing. Teachers will have the opportunity to select students performing their best for random drawings for prizes. Twenty-five prizes will be given away each day ranging from ice cream gift cards to yearbooks, dance tickets, picture packets, and parking passes for next year. A suggestion was made to have the winners posted. Council members are interested to have a report on the success of this program.
6. Miscellaneous Items of Discussion:
 - a. Granite School District has a bond for \$25 million intended for the building of a new STEM high school, which will not be built at this time. The Cyprus High School community has raised issue of the need for a new high school for at least three years. Cyprus Community Council members are encouraged to contact their respective Granite School District Board members Gayleen Gandy or Terry Bawden to request that these funds be allocated toward the building of a new Cyprus High School.
 - b. Next month's agenda should include Council's review of the Cyprus proposed school schedule for the 2015-2016 year so as to allow community feedback on course offerings.
 - c. If results from the reconfiguration survey are received prior to the meeting scheduled for May 11, 2015, the meeting will be changed to 6:00 p.m. to accommodate others who may wish to join the meeting. If the survey results are not received, the meeting will be held on May 11, 2015 at 2:30p.m., to conduct general business, and a second meeting scheduled later in the month following the receipt of the survey results in order for council to vote before the June deadline.

Adjourn: 3:40 p.m.

Next Meeting: May 11 , 2015, at 2:30 P.M. or 6:00 to be determined

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Kris Nguyen at least one week before the scheduled meeting at kristinanguyen@msn.com.