

EJHS School Community Council Minutes

Date: November 14, 2018

Time: 3:15

Place: Media Center

In attendance:

Mark Ellermeier-Principal

Betsy Valora- Chairperson

Sue Weierman-Teacher

Tere Gerber-School Counselor

Mike Valdez- Teacher

Hillary Dalton- parent, Secretary

Paula Pratt-parent

Kaylee Yamashita- parent

Ani Lauritzen- parent

Kammie Jones- parent

*The meeting was called to order by Betsy Valora, chairperson at 3:15 p.m. We were informed that the school **website** needs to be updated with council minutes, members names and email addresses and the meeting schedule. This information is available now on the website.

*Hillary made a motion to approve last month's meeting **minutes** and Mr. Ellermeier approved them.

*A leadership team made up of teachers and administrators are currently working on **school-wide goals**. The school will be focusing on District benchmarks. The school is currently at 8% growth from pre to post test. The leadership team feels that 15% is an achievable goal. Teachers have been and will continue to collaborate together to achieve these goals.

*Mr. Ellermeier gave us an update on **Land-Trust spending**. Currently the Land-Trust grant is being spent on para-educators, library books (which may increase), and Ms. Harmon, the English teacher. For your information our school applied for, and received, the "Gear Up Grant" from the government. The administration has not yet decided how that money will be spent, but the purpose is to help the current seventh graders make it to college. The focus is on the seventh graders but it will help the entire school. The principal also wants to make sure that every teacher who wants to attend the AVID conference, this year, will have that opportunity.

*The teacher and student "buy-in" for the **AVID and PBIS** programs has been very positive.

***LIA (Latinos in Action), PISA (Pacific Islander Student Association) and ASA (Asian Student Association)** are student-led organizations that have had a very positive influence on students. Any student, regardless of nationality, are welcome to join any of these clubs.

***Hearing and Vision screenings** for seventh grade students were held this month. Those who organized these were professional, informative and efficient.

***College and Career Awareness interviews** are being scheduled for eighth grade students. The counseling center has sent out postcards as well as phone calls. Registration cards for 2018-19 are going to be passed out to teachers soon.

*The **PTSA** fed the staff on SNAD day. The staff was very grateful! The PTSA is holding a pie-eating contest for sibling teachers as well as siblings who both attend the junior high.

Upcoming Events:

- a. Fall Play will be held November 15, 16 at 7:00 p.m. \$3 beforehand, \$4 at the door

- b. Star General Activity, Friday, November 16. The school will be taking 600 students to the movie theatre to see either Fantastic Beasts OR The Grinch. This is half the school and should be celebrated!
- c. Thanksgiving Recess
- d. Musical Auditions for Cinderella will be held on November 27.
- e. Midterms will be December 2.
- f. Instrumental Concert will be held on Wednesday, December 5 at 7:00 p.m. The Choir Christmas Concert will be held on December 19.

***Next Meeting will be Wednesday, December 12 at 3:15 p.m.**