

Hunter High School

Community Council Meeting Minutes

Date: February 17th, 2015

Place: Hunter High Career Center

Time: 4:45 p.m.

In attendance: Cindy Davis, Renee Taylor, Staci Brock, Jennifer Motzkus, Dera Warner, Darrell Curtis, Craig Stauffer, Jo Thompson, Jeff Sillito, Marta Cooney, Holly Wamsley

Began at 4:45.

Absent: Cindy Kohler

Welcome – Darrell Curtis

Minutes from January 20th, 2015 - Accepted with the following notes:

1) A question was asked as to what constituted a “passing” score on the ACT test. Our understanding is that students must achieve a 23 in both the English and Science sections and an 18 on the math section. There is also a reading section but we are unsure of the required score to be considered “passing” in that area. It was also noted that it is the mathematics area that keeps many students from passing and that our math dept. has been holding ACT review sessions for the past six weeks (or for a total of six weeks by the time the test is given) to help improve our math scores. Other departments are considering doing similar sessions.

2) Sylvia’s (from the Family Center) last name is Girard.

Trust Lands Balance – Jeff Sillito - \$53,633.48 (However, we believe this is still \$5000 too much – there has been money approved to be spent that is still not showing as encumbered – therefore only \$48,633.48 (we believe) really. There are also a couple of things that have been encumbered that are not going to need as much funding or that won’t be happening at all so that \$5000 difference may be a moot point.)

New Business:

- 1) Go over last year’s Trustland plan and recommendation for next year.
 - 1) This is due in March. It must include where all monies have been spent and indicate progress towards our goals. We must also set new goals for the upcoming year and indicate how we will use the monies to help us achieve those goals. We will be spending time in our next meeting completing these two required documents.

2) We also discussed how we are doing currently with this year's goals. We had an outstanding passing rate first term but dropped second term (as usual – long break, attendance issues, etc. seem to play a larger role second term). Overall we are just about where we would like to be with our passing rate.

3) We also discussed our score improvement and are still working towards achieving that goal (although it is kind of arbitrary and unknown as to how that score is calculated but we are still doing our best to improve it.)

2) 9th Grade plans – update

1) The relocatables are supposed to be coming sooner rather than later. Teachers have been asked to de-clutter their rooms. We will also be getting new carpet during the summer which will require all teachers to clean everything that is free standing off to enable it to be taken from their room during the carpet laying process. This should help us to prepare for new staff that will be joining us with our 9th graders. We are unsure as to how many 9th graders will be coming as of yet (registration is in progress) and therefore unsure as to exactly how many additional teachers we will be needing. The additional number of students will require some additional support staff – see notes in “Comment Time”. Both junior highs will be transitioning to a “5 by 5” block schedule (with a total of 10 periods – with a built in study hall/intervention period).

Proposals:

1. Professional Development – AVID Conference – (5 teachers) (\$7,000.00)
There was some discussion regarding this request. We would like this program to grow at Hunter High and would like to send more teachers to this conference but we would also like some indication that those who attend would agree to serve as an AVID teacher for several years to come as well as agreeing to use the methods taught at the conference. We are also in need of an AVID elective teacher (someone to teach the elective AVID class). We amended this to approve registration fees and per diems for up to 7 teachers. Additional funds may be required and can be requested (and approved) at a later meeting. - Approved unanimously.
2. Professional Development – Field Trips to Jordan River – (4 teachers) (\$1300.00) - Approved unanimously.
3. Curriculum/Educational Resources – Field trip for Humanities – Nellie Christensen (\$500.00)
This should have been submitted for \$1,000- Approved unanimously. (With an exclamation of “Oh Crap” from Jo Thompson that should be duly noted! 😊)
4. Curriculum/Educational Resources – Field trip for English 11 – Jones, Akbarian (\$1800.00)
This is to take all junior students to McBeth at SLCC (which is required reading for all juniors). - Approved unanimously.

Comment Time

- 1) We will need to purchase 40 computers and furniture for the splitting of the computer lab in H209. This will cost about \$12,500 for computers alone. A quick look at our budget leads us to believe that we should be okay for funding for the things we need.
- 2) We will need an additional counseling center secretary, additional aides, and a part-time helper for our financial secretary due to the increase in numbers of students and staff as well.
- 3) Mr. Stauffer would like to have our PLC groups meet during the summer to help with the transition with the incoming 9th graders as well as hoping to move our PLC groups further into this process. Many groups have requested additional time for planning and creating of common formative assessments and data sharing. There would need to be funding encumbered to allow said summer meetings to occur.
- 4) We would like to see an increase in the size of our community council – parents of 9th graders specifically but others as well.
- 5) We also made a list of things that will need to be taken into consideration for next year's plan. (Jo Thompson has that list.)
- 6) We should also have an increase in our Trust Lands monies due to the increase in numbers of students (9th graders). We have also always received additional monies each year.
- 7) We note the passing of Carl Sundell (Art teacher) and acknowledge that he will be greatly missed by both faculty and students.

Next Meetings – February 17th, 2015, March 16th, 2015, April 27th 2015, May 18th 2015

Adjourn – 5:55PM