

Hunter High School

Community Council Meeting Minutes

Date: March 16th, 2015

Place: Hunter High Career Center

Time: 4:45 p.m.

In attendance: Cindy Davis, Cindy Kohler, Renee Taylor, Staci Brock, Craig Stauffer, Jo Thompson, Jeff Sillito, Marta Cooney, Holly Wamsley

Began at 4:45.

Absent: Jennifer Motzkus, Dera Warner, Darrell Curtis

Welcome – Jo Thompson

Questions/Discussion:

- 1) 9th grade update: We currently have about 650 students who have turned in their registration cards to attend 9th grade here at Hunter next year. That is about 100 less than expected. We're not sure if those cards will continue to come in or not. We are following up with the students from which we have not yet received cards. That puts us at about 2605 students for next school year.
- 2) AP tests are in the process of being ordered. We should be under the \$13,000 requested (and encumbered) to help subsidize those tests. However, we are still waiting on final numbers.
- 3) Our failing grade from last year: If we fail two years in a row (beginning with the 2015-16 school year), we could be in "taken over" by the state or a private company to "reform" us.
- 4) We are hoping to add another tracker next year strictly for the incoming 9th graders to help with the transition and to hopefully prevent some of the problems other high schools with 9th graders have experienced.
- 5) We will also need to be involved with (and travel to) truancy court in connection with the incoming 9th graders.
- 6) We also discussed the possibility of needing Trust Lands to pay for an increase in FTE. We decided to vote on that if and when that time arrives.
- 7) The question was asked as to where and how assemblies would be held with the increased number of students at Hunter. Mr. Stauffer said that our gym holds 2400 students and the auditorium only 1100. He is planning on having

some of the student body attend assemblies in the gym and the rest watch the assembly via closed circuit TV in the auditorium. Who would attend where would be decided on a rotating basis.

8) A complaint was voiced about the amount of garbage on the school grounds – especially near the baseball field but in other areas as well. It has been noticed by the administration as well and they have instituted the “club clean-up” where clubs “adopt” a certain part of the school to keep clean. We are also using citizenship make-up to help us decrease the amount of garbage on the grounds and improved the cleanliness of the school.

9) A question was asked as to whether or not there is a dress code that is enforced for dances. Mr. Stauffer said that no young ladies are allowed in with bare midriffs but the width of shoulder straps becomes a much touchier subject. We discussed the outcome of other schools actions when attempting to enforce a dress code at dances as well.

Minutes from February 17th, 2015 - Accepted

Trust Lands Balance – Jeff Sillito \$33,004.02 (a little lower than anticipated but still okay)

New Business:

- 1) Go over last year’s Trustland plan and recommendations for next year.
 - 1) Due 1 Apr 2015
 - 2) Both the progress report and the plan for next year were approved unanimously with a few spelling corrections. We are also including science as one of our areas of focus for the upcoming school year.

Proposals:

1. Professional Development – Socratic Seminar – Jim Brusatto (\$315.00) – We would like Jim to present training/information on this PD to the staff next year. Approved unanimously.
2. Professional Development – Freshman Academy Training – (8 teachers) (\$1,232.00) - Approved unanimously.
3. Curriculum/Educational Resources – Printing of Lit Mag – Kolloch/Welker (\$800.00) - Approved unanimously.

Comment Time

- 1) The parents on the Community Council were asked if they would please be available to meet with our accreditation team on the 23rd of April. The best time for all seemed to be 1PM.
- 2) An update was given on the computer lab in H209. The district will core cut and fix the room. We will need to purchase 40 laptops to be used in that lab and the district will be matching with 40 additional laptops along with the necessary

furniture to make the lab usable. We also discussed the possibility of doing away with the present dark-room which is really no longer used in our photography classes and instead creating a bigger room there for digital photo editing (another larger computer lab).

3) FAFSA night was discussed. Our overall percentage of students completing the FAFSA has decreased despite an increase in publicity. It is discouraging to our counselors. Several committee members thought that FAFSA was only for low-income students and hence had never completed the forms for their students before. It was brought to our attention that that is not the case and that all students wanting scholarships (or student loans) should be filling out the FAFSA forms. FAFSA Completion Night is the 26th of March this year. We are hoping our percentage of students completing the FAFSA will increase this year due to the high percentage/number of students who applied for college earlier this year during college week.

4) There was an update given on the MVC project. Supposedly they are to begin construction on our portion of the MVC in the spring of 2016 with completion scheduled for the end of 2017. They will be fixing the soccer field this summer. Seminary will be held in the UPL building for the 2016-17 school year until their new building can be completed after the expansion of 4100 S. to two lanes in both directions (to accommodate the increase in traffic).

Next Meetings – April 20th 2015, May 18th 2015

Adjourn – 6:06PM