

Hunter Jr. High School  
Community Council meeting notes  
January 26, 2017

Meeting commenced at 4:05

Attendance: Carol Carroll- principal, Cindy Davis- chair, Karen Bates-parent, Emily Baran- parent, Jen Ewald- parent. Visitors: Terry Bawden- school board president, Gayleen Gandy- school board, Ben Horsely- communications, Don Adams- communications, Eric Mason-UDOT, Steve Quinn- UDOT, Eric- WVC police, Det. Mike Millett- WVC police, Kathy Evans-parent, John Behr-parent, approx. 15 parents.

Approval of minutes-1<sup>st</sup> motion made by Emily, 2<sup>nd</sup> motion by Karen. Vote was unanimous.

Jen Ewald was selected as a new member of the board to replace Chelsi Fullmer who was unable to fulfill the duties. 1<sup>st</sup> motion made by Emily, 2<sup>nd</sup> motion made by Karen. Vote was unanimous.

Traffic Concerns:

- a. 3500 South
- b. 6400 West
- c. 6000 West

Kathy Evans addressed the group and recapped the incident that occurred in October involving vehicles, student and crossing guard. She presented it to the school board on November 19<sup>th</sup>. The next day there was another incident where her son was almost hit again while crossing the street. This time it was involving a school bus.

Det. Mike Millet and Eric from WVC police addressed the group and answered questions. There was also a presentation by Steve Quinn from UDOT. The following is a recap of the discussion.

Mike Millet- Equipment for the flashing lights at 3785 S. 6400 W. have been installed. They are just waiting for Rocky Mountain Power to install the power. They should be running by next week. Junior High and High School crosswalks do not qualify for crossing guards. Mike has placed them on 3500 S. because it was not safe for kids to cross due to the busy street and no flashing lights to warn drivers to slow down.

Patron-Asked about the possibility of having orange flags available to help students be more visible when crossing. Response by Eric (WVC police) was they would not be provided by the city but if the community wants to work together to provide them they can.

Patron- was concerned about students crossing where there are no crosswalks. Response by Eric-The safe walking plan is in place so that kids can use the safest route possible. Parents should review this plan with their students and encourage them to only cross where it is safe.

Mike (WVC police)-Crossing guards are to report all incidents to him. He was unaware of both times where a child and crossing guard were nearly hit. He will follow up with them.

Steve Quinn (UDOT)-6180 W. will have flashing school zone lights. The rest of the signs will be put up as part of the project that will warn drivers that it is a school zone. Lights will require a key to turn them on. Eric responded that it may be possible to put them on a timer. It will also have an overhead luminaire light. The light will be at the crosswalk. The project is still in the planning phase and should be completed by March.

Patron- Is it possible to have a light with a button that kids push to cross(known as a hawk light)? Response-It is not possible to do a hawk light if the 20 mph flashers are used.

Patron-Will the crosswalk be monitored? Response by Mike- Yes it will be monitored.

Patron- The kids should still use the crosswalk even if it is after the time school normally gets out. They just need to be careful.

Terry Bawden encouraged parents to contact the board with any questions and to work with their kids to educate them on safety. Our children's safety is very important to the board members.

Patron-Who should we direct communication to? Response by Mike-If it is a traffic or speed issue call him. He is in charge of the safe crossing of our children. He mentioned that kids are a lot safer walking and should be encouraged to do so.

Principal Carroll thanked everyone for coming and made herself available to answer any questions.

Registration for next year-Sixth grade registration is almost complete. There will be an estimated 800 students. This will allow for a full music program, 1-2 art options and a full CTE program. Classes will be figured out base on the amount of kids registering for each class.

Breakfast in the Classroom- Breakfast in the classroom will be done during advisory starting on Wednesday, Feb 1. On Monday and Tuesday there will be a granola bar for each child and they will do a practice run to get ready for Wednesday.

Meeting adjourned at 5:05.

Next meeting February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 4:00