

Kennedy Jr High
Community Council Meeting Minutes
January 24, 2017

Welcome: Brenda Shamo

In attendance: Brenda Shamo, Andrew Anthony, Mary Anne Stevens, Cindy Turner

Approval of the Minutes for November: With the addition of the names that were present at the last meeting the minutes, Brenda made a motion to have the November minutes approved, Andrew Anthony gave the second and there was a unanimous vote in the affirmative to approve.

Review of the current Land Trusts budget: The current plan was reviewed to see what money had been spent and what still needed to be spent. The accounts with the largest amount of money that was unencumbered was for the teacher salary and paraprofessional salary. The problem with these categories is that they pay out through June and it is hard to estimate the other funds like substitutes, social security, retirement, workers comp etc. We will move that money in a few months when we have a better idea. Also, there has not been any spending in Avid conferences, but we will be arranging travel and conferences this in the next month or so.

Turn Around School Update: Last week Ms. Stevens went to a turn around school meeting. She did not have much to report since funding is putting everything in a limbo state.

School schedule update: Next year we will be adopting a seven period schedule. Advisory will be connected to 1st period to eliminate an extra passing period time. There will be some movement due to specialty advisories. There was a question about a new semester class that will be required for 8th graders and Ms. Stevens explained about that.

Dress code voting: The first round of voting took place at our Crusader showcase on the 18 of January. 125 families voted but we need 60% of the families to vote. There will be another opportunity to vote at Parent Teacher Conferences on Feb 15-16. Other opportunities were discussed since the 6th graders will not be at PTC. Ms. Stevens will check with the counselors for further input.

Digital Citizenship review: Pg. 15-16 in Land Trust Handbook. There was a discussion of the devices that we use in our school: Chrome books, projectors and microphones, a few smart boards, laptops, ipods, macbooks, some teachers have iPads, document cams. The programs that are being used on these devices are all state mandated testing, Digits, canvas, Utah compose, elements of Literature, over drive and an online Science curriculum. The policies that are in place to keep kids safe are: Lanschool for teacher to be able to see all computer screens at the same time, school policy regarding supervision guidelines and the ability to set blocks and filters or set only the places that the students can go while they are working in that class. The school also has a Netsmartz assembly each year for the students and this year we had a parent night forum that was done by Netsmartz as well.

Ideas on how to spend Land trust money for next year: After this year, several groups of teachers will have gone to Avid training and there will not be the need for such a big chunk of the budget to go toward that program. It was brought up that improving reading scores needs to be an emphasis in this area. Also, Ms. Stevens mentioned that with us being a turn around school it has been strongly advised to provide stipends to the 5 teachers that will be part of the turnaround leadership team that will be spending extra time outside their contract hours.

Next Meeting date: Feb. 21 at 3:15 pm