

School Community Council Meeting

Minutes: October 24, 2016

Present: Dawn Hauser, Tara James, Dave Searle, Cindy Thomsen, Monica Wilbur, Karli LaMar, Robin Larsen, Eric Olsen, Keith Lawson.

Visitors: Whitley George, Shelby Green, Evoni Raass, Maddee Batt, Rachel Hardman, Jarod Bressler, Alivia Smith, Tyaira Mackay, Ryan Spackman, Danika Warner, Brad Warner, Juana Romero, Greg Hollenbach, Deb Wooley, Jacob Anderson, Jessica Lomax, Madison Lomax, Alexa Searle

Meeting was called to order by Dawn Hauser at 3:30

Council and visitors were welcomed and introductions were made.

A vote was called for Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary for the Community Council.

David Serale was nominated as Community Council Chair.

Karli LaMar was nominated as Community Council Vice-Chair

Tara James was nominated as Secretary for the Community Council.

Minutes from September 26, 2016 were read by Robin Larsen and were reviewed by the council. Monica Wilbur motioned and Cindy Thomsen seconded that motion for an amendment to be made to the minutes from September 26, 2016 in regards to Students Led Conferences and the student letters that are written for their parents/guardians are dictated and not personal.

Dawn introduced the Dress Code topic on the agenda and the controversy at the school surrounding the dress code topic.

Officer Greg Hollenbach, Matheson's Jr. High's School Resource Officer addressed the council about a change in clothing and dress ensemble that represents gang affiliation and the safety concerns it has created for the school and students.

Dawn Hauser read an email from Preston Socha, a parent voicing his stance on the dress code and the rights of the school and administration to review and revise the dress code as safety concerns arise at the school.

Karli LaMar, a member of the school community council and representative of the Matheson Jr. High's Building Committee discussed the opportunities that school uniforms provide in safety and equity for students, backing school uniforms with several case studies that support its positive influence on education and life in school for students.

Student Body President, Shelby Green and Vice President, Rachel Hardman for Matheson Jr. High, addressed the council. Letters from several students were provided giving them the voice in changes to the dress code. Shelby Green stated that it is not the changes made to the dress code that were the cause for an upset student body but the lack of communication made about new changes to the dress code.

Robin Larsen, mentioned that Kennedy Jr. High has a uniform policy and that we could seek data and thoughts on the effectiveness by contacting representatives from Kennedy Jr. High.

It was also suggested that we use our advisory hour and class meetings to educate students on recent changes made to the dress code.

It was motioned to amend the dress code adding baggy/oversized solid colored t-shirts and long belts of any solid color.

Monica Wilbur introduced the next topic on the agenda which was the use of purses in school for girls so that they may conceal their feminine hygiene products.

Karli LaMar suggested using solid colored pencil cases or pockets as an alternative to purses to conceal those items and they are also portable to take to the restroom as well.

Success/Concerns: The success of the multicultural assembly was highlighted as a success this year in school. A concern that was discussed was how dark the walkways and parking lots are that are around and lead to the school.

Robin Larsen motioned for adjournment, seconded by Dawn Hauser at 5:10