

MJH COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

October 26, 2015

In attendance at the meeting: Erika Searle, Dawn Hauser, Heatherlee Norman, Todd Crowther, Jeff McMullin, Spring Clark, Daniel Bartholoma, Diane Castro. A quorum was present and we began our meeting at 3:35pm.

Jeff started the meeting with a welcome.

Erika reviewed the minutes from the last meeting. Dawn motioned to approve the minutes and Daniel 2nd. Minutes were approved with no changes.

Boundary proposal open discussion- Sounds like the district has left the tentative changes to the map. They are on track with the exception of looking at SNAP routes (safe walking routes) for all of the students that will be going to different schools now. They are hoping to have approval by the end of the year, but not positive. There are concerns with transportation and we have been asked if we will allow any special permits. We will know better when we have a better idea of the number of students coming to the school.

Land Trust Update by Dawn- We have committed our entire amount of money for the year and have already spent some of it. Dawn submitted our final report for 2014-2015. Our first goal was to increase proficiency in grades 7-9 in math, science and English by 5%. This was met by the 8th graders in all areas, the 7th graders in math and science and in 9th grade math.

Dawn went over the SSAP plan for this current year that has been proposed. Goal #1 to increase proficiency in Math, English and Science by 5%. Goal #2 Integrate 7-8 grade science, social studies and language arts to a common instructional time. Goal #3 Provide tools and technology for science classes. Goal #4 Provide opportunity for all current 8th graders to visit a college campus to get ready and excited for further learning. Any increased funds will go towards a language lab, to help students learn communications skills. We will vote on this at our next meeting.

Dawn went over how the student-led conferences went this term. There was a great turn out. All but one of the faculty loved the conferences this way. The teachers felt safe in their classrooms and they saw better attendance to these conferences than when held all together in the cafeteria. This helped make the kids and parents more accountable for their schoolwork. They will make the appointments earlier so that all

parents have the opportunity to visit with the teachers after talking with their student if they want to.

Community council training was attended by most of our council. The ones who weren't able to attend will have to do the training online.

Successes and Concerns- We will have an internet safety forum again this year for parents and students. In February we will have the Fight the New Drug forum, parents can attend this the night before the students hear it in school. Heatherlee needs volunteers for Reality Town on Dec. 3rd. Todd brought up that all of the performing arts need to get to the 6th graders, so they can get excited about what they can look forward to in Jr. High. Daniel wants all of the community councils in the network to write letters to the district to promote building a new Cyprus High School.

Our next meeting will be on Monday, November 23.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:49pm.