

Community Council Notes

10-22-18

Present: Dawn Hauser, Shyanne Archibald, Melanie Moore, Bobby Brown, Zach Dickison, Cindy Thomsen, David Albertsen, Robert Goodick, Holli Meza, William Mackay

Guests: Chris Jones, Benjamin Johnson and Robin Larsen

Not in attendance: Heather Perez, Amber Thee, Charity Wright, JoAnn White

Start time: 3:30 pm End time: 5:00 pm

Elections:

Chair: Cindy Thomsen nominated first by Hauser seconded by Archibald

Co-Chair: David Albertson nominated first by Albertson seconded by Hauser

Secretary: Melanie Moore nominated first by Archibald seconded by Hauser

Those present unanimously voted in all elections

Rules of Order: changes approved and nominated first by Albertson seconded by Goodick, those present unanimously voted in favor of the changes:

Land Trust: increase in funding to \$6,000 including paying the Matheson Leadership Team to attend Leadership Workshop, Professional Development

Long and Short Term Planning: Data, collection of other data including lines of evidence, System Support with coaches Chad Coon and Jill Hill, Problem solving and CFA's

\$4,000 teacher substitutes for Professional Development

Mackay (student) stated that when substitutes subbed for Core teachers they showed more videos than planned instruction and council discussed teachers leaving a plan for substitutes that included planned instruction

Planning Days to add system support for Math, Science, English and Social Studies to plan for the following quarter

Next planning days December 13-15

Proposed to add action step under goal number one motion: Goodick, Second: Meza

Progress Based Grading (PBG):

School board behind the PBG initiative and implementation timeline

Junior high goal of full PBG implementation by 2019-2020 school year

Last school year 2017-2018 all Matheson staff voted to implement PBG for the 2018-2019 school year

PBG pros: can give feedback as implementing, focus on learning, PLC based idea, grading scale set, three tests per quarter, average the standards or based on highest proficiency test, assessments can be tests, exit ticket, presentation, performance, group discussion; teacher can change previous assessment as indicated by latest test score; teacher can add an additional assessment; ongoing teacher training; new culture created around PBG;

PBG cons: philosophical switch, new implementation, learn as we go, district still figuring out PBG, Math and English class implementation, new Gradebook program not updating scores, anxiety about grading especially for high achieving students, decaying average; student to have a 1 until demonstrate learning/skill; Gradebook is not always an accurate score reflection;

Matheson Junior High expectation to update scores weekly in Gradebook (assignment button different than standard button; standard calculate grade to assignment tab, recalculate button needs to be pressed or it will not update). Teachers still need to motivate and build rapport with students PBG alone will not do that.

Standards focused and oriented, Growth Mindset and how to reward growth

Looking into having common teacher consultations not in place yet

How to provide remediation on a 7 period day, Friday?

Community Council needs to bring more specific examples of PBG learning curve for us and teachers, never to admonish people always to learn

Internet Safety Training: required of Community Council, Brett Bawden heading the training to be held at Matheson tentatively in January

Feedback needs to be specific from teachers

Invite requested to invite a District Community Council member to address some PBG concerns Aaron Weight?

Mackay stated PBG is hard because grades are not accurately reflected, retaking third assessment can raise up the grade by 65%?

Math Comprehensive Final?

Static 3 or 4 should not be

Unlimited online retakes would be helpful-easy for teachers to implement-automatically graded

If a student does not understand math in 7th grade it is hard to grasp math built progressively on those concepts in subsequent grades

Some students are frustrated with not feeling supported in the same way by the teachers

Cyprus PBG Network Meeting: 10-23-18 from 6:00 to 7:00 pm

Representation from elementary, junior and high schools

Question and Answer by Sherrie Sorenson in the Auditorium

Breakouts: Elementary-Auditorium, Junior High-Tiger Room, High School-Media Center

Concern: Student binder not durable

Binder expectation: for safety reasons (to easily identify Matheson students and those who are not), part of being Responsible, Respectful and Ready, AVID model, learning organizational skills, students need an organized binder example

Building Committee: last year voted to have a better binder this is the result

Clear carrier for binder?

Purchase of binder with Tiger Coins?

Successes: Cross country did well, Girls are Division 1 champs, third I the district, Soccer Girls also Division 1 champs 2nd place in the district

Successes continued: Phenomenal Student Council-making community project quilts out of jeans

PTSA/Haunted Matheson Tiger Extravaganza very successful fundraiser, large turn out

Next Meeting: November 26th

All present did the training, can elect to do in person training

Agenda items send to Cindy or Dawn 1 week prior on Friday