

Olympus Jr. High Community Council Minutes
November 30, 2015, 3:15 p.m.
Room 315

Attendees: Katie Graham, Sally Timmins, Jane Nate, Principal Grant, Tina Seastrand, Jen Wunderli, Kimberly Chytraus, Julie McKinnon, Melissa Auger
Excused: Scott Gregory

Minutes

- The council approved the minutes for the November 9 and November 17 meetings.
- Jane Nate motioned to approve the minutes: Tina Seastrand seconded the motion: All in favor: 7, Opposed: 0.

Counselor Update

- Julie McKinnon reported that Reality Town went well, although they are discussing with the PTA the possibility of changing the schedule so that the rest of the day is utilized more efficiently.
- Wrapping up college and career readiness planning meetings.

Proposed Schedule Change and Vote

- Council discussion about changing schedule to modified 7 period block with 2 teacher advisory periods per week as discussed in prior meetings (remediation/reteaching, enrichment, and homeroom time).
- Principal Grant reiterated that the time for remediation (reteaching) is the key to school success and improvement.
- Approximately 90% of the faculty has voiced support for the modified 7 period schedule.
- Discussed possibility of an advisory council to support a modified schedule.
- Discussed options for professional development for teachers to support a modified schedule and positive reinforcement techniques.
- Kimberly Chytraus motioned to approve the schedule change to a modified schedule, with the details of the teacher advisory periods (enrichment, remediation/reteaching) to be worked out by the faculty and administration. Sally Timmins seconded the motion. All in favor: 7, Opposed: 0. Scott Gregory had also expressed his support.
- Principal Grant and Kimberly Chytraus will prepare the proposal to the school board for its consideration. .

Principal's Report and LAND Trust Budget Update

- Money for math teacher and behavioral health assistant has already been paid to the District (will be paid out to the employees over the course of the year).
- Will want to plan next year's budget (and if there is any additional money to be spent this year) around providing professional development to teachers starting as soon as possible to prepare for next year.

PTSA Report

- PTSA has received comments about the schedule, with the biggest concern being that if the new modified 7 period schedule is adopted will it be a big enough change to make a difference and increase the quality of quality education at Oly Jr.
- PTSA offers grants to teachers to improve educational experiences in their classrooms and still has grant money available for the year.

Next Meeting is January 11, 2016 at 3:15 in the front office conference room (note location change)
Adjourned 4:15