

Olympus Junior High Community Council Minutes

November 10, 2014

3:00pm, OJH Conference Room

Present: Carole Harris, Kaylynn Nelsen, Scott Gregory, Jane Nate, Margit Caine, Jen Wunderli, Tina Seastrand, Katie Graham, Jim Sheets

Meeting opened: 3:07pm

- 1) Jen Wunderli made a motion to approve October 2014 minutes. Katie Graham seconded it. Voting unanimous to approve minutes.
- 2) Land Trust 2014-2015: the carry-over plus new money is \$84,000. As per Jessica Moody, Chrome Book costs for a new tech lab would be approximately \$13,500. The teachers have discussed Chrome Books and Mr. Gregory and Mrs. Nate, both, like the idea. Our Wi-Fi network will support Chrome Books. 2014-2015 Trust Lands Budget Worksheet lists additional monies to support Chrome Books. A Chrome Book will be sent to OJH in January to be tested and evaluated. Mrs. Harris will follow up with the TECH Committee (made up of OJH faculty) to discuss how Chrome Books interact with the testing process. iPads do not interface.

The costs for planned upgrade to the library would be ~ \$5,000 for books and materials covering the following: Health Curriculum, CTE Technology and Inventors, high interest non-fiction, student/teacher requested materials, books/novels in Spanish (for ELL students).

Margit Caine made the motion that Trust Fund monies can be re-allocated within the budget to cover costs. Tina Seastrand seconded it. Voting was unanimous in favor. With the exception of Equipment and Technology, Jim Sheets wants to wait until January so we can learn the TECH Committee's assessment before ultimate approval/disapproval vote in January at 1/12/15 Community Council Meeting.

- 3) 2014 Spring SAGE scores for OJH were handed out to the committee and discussed. Last year was the first year for SAGE testing and the process went well. Olympus Junior ranks above average in the Granite School District and State levels for 7, 8, and 9th grades based on proficiency. GSD has 15 junior high schools alone. Wasatch Junior had higher scores but is a feeder school for the magnet and IB programs. Wasatch Junior takes 3 times as many Special Permit students as OJH. OJH is more of a "community school."
- 4) PTSA Parent guests attending the meeting, Melissa Rideout and Becky Diederich, desired to speak about their opinions on OJH's current dress code. Their point is that the biggest problem is inconsistent policing or enforcement with dress code regulations. The Community Council

recognizes that Dress Code is coming to a vote this spring when its three year term ends. Possible vote dates are Parent/Teacher Conference time in February, or during the Play presentation nights in March. We would like to pursue the option of a parental on-line vote, or E Ballot, for the spring vote, hoping to get more parental input. Ms. Harris will investigate this option. Current dress code information is posted on the school's website. The Council will review the dress code material and discuss in further depth at its meeting January 12, 2015. Our goal would be to set up informational parent forums to discuss the dress code to be followed with a dress code vote to follow late winter/early spring.

Meeting adjourned at 4:20.

Next Community Council meeting will take place Monday, January 12, 2015 at 3:00 in the OJH Conference Room.

Addendum: Ms. Harris sent the Community Council members an email November 24, 2014. It had meeting updates and asked for an on-line vote about Chrome Books and approving a reading aide. Results of the on-line voting was unanimously in favor for both. Please find attached a copy of Carole's email.