

Olympus Jr. High Community Council Minutes

April 10, 2017 3: 15 p.m.

Olympus Jr. High Main Office-Conference Room

In attendance: Doug Wagstaff, Dusten Keppner, Sally Timmins, Jessica Moody, Robert Brough, Susan Hollberg, Katie Graham, Julie Jackson, Tina Seastrand

Excused: Kimberly Chytraus

1. Approval of minutes from March 13th, 2017 meeting:

Motion for approval: Sally Timmins

Second: Julie Jackson

All in favor.

2. Principal's report: Doug Wagstaff

We are projected for a student body enrollment of 936 students for the 2017-2018 school year, with 46 of them being permits.

April 20, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. is the Parent Information Meeting regarding the Reconfiguration of the schools in the Olympus Network. This meeting will be held at Olympus High School. It is important for our council to be in attendance at this meeting.

Kent Nelson will be retiring this year. A new music teacher will need to be hired. Mr. Nelson has been a great teacher and will be missed by many.

Mr. Rossi will be teaching the digital technology class for 8th graders next year.

3. School LAND Trust Plan for 2016-2017: Spend update and planning

Ideally LAND Trust money should be spent by May 15th of the current school year. In reality we have until June 30th to do that. We will be doing our Nuts and Bolts teacher training the week after school gets out, end of May, beginning of June. Depending on how much money is spent we may have some leftover funds to replace and add some more Chrome books. We are working very hard to get this money spent for the academic year. Discussion was had if we should remove goal #2, but we decided will keep both goals on the plan.

The council is encouraged that the Enrichment/Advisory goals are being implemented better and that personal commitment by the teachers and administration is improving. This process has had its challenges this year but with the collected efforts of the administration and faculty, great strides have been made. The PE/Health departments 5K will be happening this coming Thursday on April 13th. The council is excited for the efforts this department has made.

Review of School LAND Trust plan for 2017-1018:

Julie Jackson drafted the Teacher Support Grant letter for review. This letter is for next year's faculty to review and plan for grant ideas that could be submitted to the council. Teachers could apply for

financial support with regards to the Enrichment/Advisory activities next year. These grants would be reviewed by the Community Council for their quality and pertinence and to our goals and plan.

4. Review of Bullying Policy: Dustin Keppner

Mr. Keppner reviewed Oly Jr.'s Bullying policy with the council. There is a safe App that the students can use to report bullying. Olympus Jr. has had a zero tolerance for bullying for several years. The PTSA's theme of We Respect coincides with this policy. Cindy Fulton our SBO advisor trains the SBO's to be leaders in the anti-bullying campaign. Much effort is being made to create an environment at Oly Jr. that feels safe for both students and adults. Teachers are in the halls at class change time to encourage punctuality and to also reduce bullying amongst the students.

5. Review of Safe Walking Route through SNAP: This is due April 30th

Policy was reviewed with nothing significant to report.

Sally Timmins shared with the group about the risk to student pedestrians as they cross Bonair Street, on the east side of the Holladay library. Mr. Keppner said he would look into it.

6. Digital Citizenship: Jessica Moody

Review p.14 and 15 of <http://www.graniteschools.org/communications/wp-content/uploads/sites/18/2015/08/SCC-Handbok.pdf>

and <http://www.schoollandtrust.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/32/2016/02/For-the-website-Requirements-8-15-1.pdf>

Our school digital policy was reviewed. Filter systems are in place. Teachers had been asked to create play lists when using You Tube so as to avoid possible advertisement inappropriateness will sharing video's in class from the internet.

Gaming still remains a problem for some students during the school hours. Great effort is made by the faculty to stop any inappropriate digital use. Each student has access to Digits, Canvas, Google, and Office 365 code.org at school and at home. The school cannot control what a student has access to on their own personal device. As technology usage at school increases each year, great efforts are being made to sensor devices so that the students can be safe and responsible.

7. Determine vacancies for next year:

Katie Graham, Sally Timmins and Kimberly Chytraus are up for reelection next year. Elections will be held in the fall.

8. Public Comments:

Discussion was had over the possibility of the PTSA including drug abuse topics into White Ribbon week. A significant amount of effort is currently being made for Digital Safety/White Ribbon Week and Drug Awareness/Red Ribbon Week is being given less attention than it has in previous years. While digital safety is very important, some members of the council feel it is important to continue teaching awareness and responsibility of drug and alcohol use to both students and parents. Vaping and prescription drug problems as well as alcohol and marijuana use continue to be a concern and problem

for students and the Junior High and High School levels. Perhaps a combination of both topics for an Addiction Week Awareness could be a possibility.

Meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.