

# Olympus Jr. High School Community Council Minutes

March 10, 2014

3:00pm, OJH Conference Room

Present: Carole Harris, Mayor Robert M. Dahle, Jessica Moody, Emily Ott, Margit Caine, Katie Graham, Tina Seastrand, Jim Sheets, Scott Gregory, Gayle Engh

Meeting opened: 3:05pm

- 1) The council welcomed Holladay Mayor Robert M. Dahle, who is visiting local community councils to get engaged in communities. He desires to get to know people and their needs through basic relationships. He hopes schools and city administrators will have better communications and networking systems. He suggests more communication between representatives and school communities before the Legislative Session begins. He invited us to contact our city officials if we have issues the city can help us with.
- 2) Katie Graham read a letter from Senator Pat Jones regarding the Land Trust Funds allocation at OJH. Ms Harris asked that it be included in notes from February 10, 2014 council notes.
- 3) The Progress Report for the 2013-2014 school year was completed. The 2014-2015 Land Trust funds will be approximately \$45,000.

Land Trust School Plan 2014-2015: breakdown of benchmarks listed below

Goal #1: Reading – 1 period of FTE ~ \$8,000 to improve 7<sup>th</sup> grade reading and comprehension = Successful Goal

Goal #2: Mathematics – 1 period of FTE ~ \$8,000 for smaller class size, Honors 7&8 are self-selected, Secondary 1, regular 7, regular 8

Goal #3: Technology and MDSS ~ \$9,000 for iPads, cameras, smartboards, teachers create CFAs (Common Formative Assessments), software, hardware, Professional development = teachers receive technical training pay for performance = Successful Goal

Goal #4: Reading/Library ~ \$8,000 to purchase library materials to update collection age, Common Core, teacher needs, and student requests = Successful Goal

- 4) Carole Harris: OJH took 70 special permits for next school year (15 of them are provisional and 1 was denied). Classes average about 300 kids, however this year's 9<sup>th</sup> grade has only 260 students. Our new teachers have arrived and are doing great. They are breaking down standards and are meeting in PLCs (Personal Learning Communities). Carole can allocate Land Trust funds through June for the 2013-2014 school year. The key is determining where the need is, if people will use it, and how teachers can receive training. If anything, she wants to reduce class size to 20 kids in Secondary Math 1 and lower class sizes in Math 7 and Math 8. She tries to hire dual-endorsed teachers. All Community Council members signed the Land Trust Fund document.

- 5) Katie Graham suggested next year's Community Council meet in September to refresh members on current goals and Land Trust issues. This will be especially helpful to new council members.
- 6) Principle Harris gave an update on last week's OJH fire. She reports the sprinkler system worked perfectly. It was localized and caused minimal water damage. The fire department is just across the street and their response was quick , smooth, and well-handled. Communication went out from the school and district that night and the next day. The school desires to change flood lights to LEDs.
- 7) Minutes: Katie Graham made a motion to approve the minutes from February 10 meeting. Tina Seastrand seconded and the minutes were unanimously approved.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:07pm.

Ms. Harris led a tour of the fire damage on the auditorium stage.