

Olympus Jr. High Community Council Minutes

February 22, 2016, 3:15 p.m.

Front office conference room

Attendees: Katie Graham, Scott Gregory, Sally Timmins, Jane Nate, Principal Grant, Tina Seastrand, Julie McKinnon, Kimberly Chytraus

Excused: Jen Wunderli

Minutes

- The council approved the minutes for the January 11 meeting.
- S. Timmins motioned to approve the minutes. J. Nate seconded the motion. All voted to approve.

Principal's Report

- New schedule is being planned. It looks very similar to the current schedule, with the addition of advisory time on Thursday and Friday.
- Likely to keep the same number of teachers next year. Anticipating 7th grade enrollment of about 270.
- Teachers announce their retirement by March 1. Anticipating the need to hire 4 new teachers.

Counselor Update

- Nuts and Bolts Consulting Update. Program is customizable to our school, specializes in Jr. High schools. Designed to promote achievement and higher level thinking in students. Content provides morale boost for teachers: focuses on cognitive and academic development strategies, meaningful learning strategies, and classroom management strategies.
- Cost anticipated to be \$5,000 for 2 days of consulting plus travel (total is \$6,500 unless we can provide less expensive travel options)

LAND Trust Budget Planning

- Last year's allocation was about \$48,000. Next year will not need to cover half teacher salary. May want to continue to cover salaries for a behavioral specialist and tracker.
- Want to provide professional learning support for teachers for new schedule. Want to plan Nuts and Bolts conference in August when teachers return to school. Teachers are supportive of this idea. Principal Grant also wants to pay teachers for 2 days in June to unwrap the core standards. It would be a flat stipend of \$10,000-12,000. Other enrichment planning would be done by teachers on Fridays during PLC time. Also wants to provide the opportunity for teachers to observe other teachers.
- Focus on keeping enrichment activities engaging and worthwhile. Teachers will plan enrichment and how to remediate within their departments. Will keep STAR grant for afterschool tutoring in math and science.
- Budget due sometime in March. Principal Grant will check on the date. Will discuss budget proposal specifics in March meeting.

Misc.

- Want to send a letter to the legislature describing how we have used LAND Trust funds and ask for support to keep the funds. K. Chytraus will draft.
- In April will discuss digital citizenship and whether we want to have a presentation on the grade reconfiguration process.

Meeting adjourned at 4:10. Next meeting is March 14, 2016 at 3:15 in the front office conference room.