

Olympus Jr. High Community Council Minutes

January 11, 2016, 3:15 p.m.
Front office conference room

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

Minutes

- The council approved the minutes for the November 30 meeting, with a revision noted by Tina Seastrand.
- Tina Seastrand motioned to approve the minutes. Kimberly Chytraus noted that Tina had made one suggested correction by email. Scott Gregory seconded for approval including the recommended change. All voted to approve.

Principal's Report and LAND Trust Budget Update / Update regarding proposed schedule revision approval

- The Board approved the proposal for a modified 7-block schedule. It will be implemented in the 2016-2017 school year.
- Principal Grant distributed a proposed bell schedule. He noted that they are considering having only one lunch on Thursdays and Fridays to avoid splitting a class into two parts. There is not currently a high demand for hot lunch and don't have a lot of lunch staff. May need more supervision at lunch on those days. Counselors will help supervise and will consider using PTA volunteers.
- Wants suggestions on how to provide teacher enrichment and support for new schedule and how to spend LAND Trust money for next year. The Council discussed the benefit of keeping a behavioral specialist. Hopefully the District will reinstate funding.
- February will start planning the budget.
- Discussion on how to better support students on 504 plans and IEPs and working with teachers to make the plans more effective. Possibly address with parents at orientation.
- Olympus Network District Community Council representative is interested in giving a presentation on the Grade Reconfiguring process. This will be discussed in the CC March meeting.

Counselor Update

- Julie McKinnon reported on upcoming semester schedule changes. They are working to avoid semesterizing so that there is more continuity. Want to help 9th graders anticipate interaction with high school to be less disruptive to schedule. Next year with the new schedule format it will not be as easy to change around classes.
- Suggests looking at a Nuts and Bolts symposium for teacher training. Council is to look for other options as well.

PTSA Report

- PTSA is sponsoring the "Fight the New Drug" Assembly this week. Parent meeting is tonight to discuss what will be covered in the assembly and help educate parents.
- School dance will be February 5.
- PTSA is discussing teacher grants at January 12 meeting. May also have money to support teacher enrichment.
- Principal Grant noted need to upgrade the school's security camera system.

Meeting adjourned at 4:10. Next meeting is February 8, 2016 at 3:15 in the front office conference room.