

Olympus Junior High
Community Council Meeting Notes
November 11, 2019

Attending Council Members: Joshua LeRoy, Rob Brough, Julie Jackson, Melissa Olsen, Juliane Taylor, Katie Graham, Becky Jensen, Corrine Kendall

Excused Council Members: Susan Hollberg

Additional Attendees: Valerie Pinegree (from the DCC)

Approval of November Minutes: motioned by Julie Jackson, 2nd by Rob Brough, all in favor

Report from Julie Jackson:

There are people that voiced they didn't have a voice or say in the conversation about reconfiguration. There was a brief discussion about when to hold CC monthly meetings. It was determined that 3:15pm on the second Thursday of the month was the best time for those that need to be here.

Principal's Report: Reconfiguration for the year 2020-2021

- Registration cards are still in progress
- The district is trying to move CCA from 7th to 8th which creates a challenge with CCA teachers. The junior high principals would like one year to make the change.
- Digital literacy is will be available online all year. There is discussion about making health available online as well.
- The District HR personnel has met with the teachers at Oly Jr as well the elementary school teachers to explain their options for next year. The teachers have until Dec. 6th to submit their names for a new position. The District will make their decisions by Feb 24th. Josh's goal is that every teacher ends up where they would like to be.

Julie Jackson brought up our role as a Community Council in the reconfiguring process. We all agreed that reconfiguring is the job of the professionals (i.e. Josh LeRoy and the teachers) and our role is to be informed, give feedback and pass that information on to the community.

Principal's Report: PBG update

- The big shift is the goal of students learning the material and not focusing on the scores.
- Some of the challenges: : 1) how to fit the traditional way of assessment into the 1-4 model. 2) Overtesting 3) PBG is not as clear for the electives as it is for the Core subjects 4) the connection between Gradebook and Canvas
- The District Curriculum Department met recently with the school principals to hear thoughts, questions, and concerns about PBG and are looking into ways they can improve.

Principal's Report: Plan to recognize the students that are doing well **and** improving

- Students would be put on the Honor Roll if they have 4 classes with a 3.0 or above and none of their other classes under 2.5
- Students would receive High Honor Roll with all 7 classes 3.0 and above

Katie Graham wanted to acknowledge and give kudos to the teachers for a great experience at PT conferences. Julie Jackson proposed that we compose an email to communicate our appreciation for the enormous efforts the teachers are making during this time of transition.

Progress toward current LAND Trust Goals: on next month's agenda

We will be sending out a survey soon to gather information about where the community wants to focus our money and assess the needs of the students. We also need to reevaluate the school mission and motto (make it a mission we can actually measure and perhaps budget for)

Efforts to increase RI growth have been positive.

- The focus on reading in Advisory
- English Dept doing monthly mini lessons to train Advisory teachers
- Use of lexile numbers on library books
- School wide novel assigned next semester

Principals' Report: RISE

We're moving in the right direction and we have lots of room for improvement. We're going to focus on growth. Josh has lots of ideas but he's not going to overwhelm the teachers this year with lots of changes.

There was a discussion about the importance of having more parent education about topics such as PBG and growth mindset.

Katie Graham has noticed that younger parents are deeply concerned about their children's social welfare and stability. This will be on the agenda next month.

Community Comments: none

Next Community Council Meeting at 3:15 pm on **December 5th** (changed from December 12th)