

Olympus Junior High
Community Council Meeting Notes
December 5, 2019

Attending Council Members: Joshua LeRoy, Rob Brough, Susan Hollberg, Julie Jackson, Juliane Taylor, Corrine Kendall, Elise Soukup

Excused Council Members: Becky Jensen, Katie Graham, Melissa Olsen

Approval of November Minutes: motioned by Rob Brough, 2nd by Corrine Kendall, all in favor

Principal's Report: PBG update

The Junior High School Principals are working with the District to try and figure out how to have more flexibility with PBG grades. The teachers are being very supportive. Current frustrations are mostly due to the constraints of the tools being used.

Principal's Report: Scheduling issues

- CCA is being moved to 8th grade, and Health and Digital Literacy to 7th grade. This will take place during a two-year transition period since there are about 600 students that need to take both Health and Digital Literacy next year (CCA will not be taught next year).
- For the year 2020-2021, new CTE electives will be offered (including the possibility of a STEM concepts class and Coding class)
- The requirements for the Regents Scholarship Program will be changing, making it less available to all students, and thus might have an impact on which classes students sign up for.

Principal's Report: 2019-2020 Trust Lands Budget

There is a little under \$42,000 left to spend. LeRoy proposes the following possible actions:

- 1) Opening hourly tutoring after school (for English and Science students)
- 2) Setting up a testing center 1x/week each before and after school for students retaking assessments.
- 3) Hiring an hourly tutor for 1 on 1 English help.
- 4) Purchasing the Growth Mindset Book (student edition) for all of the students to read next year.
- 5) Bringing 2 teachers over from TSSA to the Land Trust budget to gain a little more flexibility with the budget.
- 6) Using some of the money to purchase newer equipment for the auditorium.
- 7) Using some of the money to pay for an Open House in January for the 5th and 6th graders coming next year.

The Committee will vote on the budget proposal at the next meeting.

Chairperson (Julie Jackson) – 2020-2021 Trust Lands Discussion:

We need to find a way to target and help the lower quartile students. Some ideas offered where 1) add Math Lab elective classes into the schedule 2) buying a school license for SCHMOOP 3) contributing Land Trust funds to pay for behavior intervention to help motivate lower achieving students.

We also discussed the importance of disseminating information to parents.

Community Comments: none

Motion to adjourn (Rob B.) seconded (Julie J)

Next Community Council Meeting at 3:15 pm on **January 9, 2020 3:15-4:45**