

Olympus Junior High
Community Council Meeting Notes
January 9, 2019

Attending Council Members: Rob Brough, Susan Hollberg, Julie Jackson, Juliane Taylor, Corrine Kendall, Elise, Dustin Keppner (in place of Josh LeRoy)

Non-attending Members: Joshua LeRoy

Approval of December Minutes: motioned by Juliane Taylor, 2nd by Julie Jackson, all in favor

Improved Reading Scores: Rob Brough shared that things are going really with the Reading Scores. The Lexile scores in August were 67%, they went up to 76% in October. Yay! Congratulations to the teachers.

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

Possible use of next year's funds: Katie Graham introduced the idea of sponsoring a "Don't Freak Out" event. This event is hosted by Heidi Swapp and David Kozlowski, a licensed marriage and family therapist, who have created a popular podcast, Light the Fight, that addresses mental and social health issues. As a community (educators and parents), we need to look at how we communicate with our kids in order to help them strengthen their social, emotional and mental health. In recent years, there has been a heightened awareness of changes (reconfiguration, PBG) and a reactive response of the parents. We need to change the way we, as adults, respond. This training will help parents learn how to respond and not REACT. The event/presentation provides actionable tools for parents and educators and includes a Q&A session at the end. This presentation was given at Harriman High School and Katie felt it was very useful and helpful. She recommends listening to the following podcast episodes to get a feel for the content:

Episode #71 The Harriman HS Principal discusses their experience with this presentation

Episode #91 Overview of the overall focus by Heidi Swapp (in that episode she directs you to other episodes that addresses specific topics)

We discussed pitching this to the other network schools for next year. A community event would cost \$5000. A 1 ½ hour training session for teachers is \$2000 and another available training session for parents is also \$2000.

Red Ribbon week (starts January 21st): the focus has been changed this year to be a Week of "Connection"

Community Comments: none

Motion to adjourn: by Julie Jackson, seconded by Rob Brough

Next Community Council Meeting at 3:15 pm on **February 6th, 2020 3:15-4:45**