

Community Council Minutes for 10/14/2019

In Attendance: John Cederlund, Doug Johnson, Corinne Keyonnie, Loura T, Mandy Owens, Maria Slo, Melissa Trujillo, Jennifer Bodell, Christina McCabe

Ms. Owens moves to open the meeting, seconded by Ms. Keyonne.

First item of business is the FTE Update. The school enrollment was low, so our allocation went down by 0.5 FTE. However, the Trustlands fund was used to pay for this reduction, so the staffing remains the same. This leaves very little Title I money remaining.

Next we reviewed the budget which was established last year. We spent virtually all of it, the majority on an FTE position and Paraeducators. Mr. Johnson mentioned that schools are advised to spend at least 90% of the budget every year, and we have exceeded that amount.

Third item was a discussion about possible changes to 6th grade within the Granger Network. There has been little information provided about this possibility. Questions arose about how this would affect the students, the teachers and the school. Mr. Johnson indicated that he would keep us in the loop, and he felt that everyone would receive notice well in advance of any changes.

The fourth item concerned how to increase PTA membership and parent involvement overall. The parent members and Mr. Johnson felt that the Facebook updates and status and text messages are increasing awareness of school activities. It's important for parents to know how to get on Portal and check gradebook. The Family Center is helping parents learn how to log on. They also have help for ESL families. Kids in upper grades (4-6) can teach the parents how to use gradebook. The council feels that Portal training would be helpful when parents are at the school, such as event nights or the first day of school.

The last item concerned checking out students after 3:35, and the consensus is that this should be eliminated. It is too close to end of the day, and creates issues in the office.

At this point, Mr. Cederlund proposed concluding the meeting, and it was seconded by Ms. Owens.