

Minutes -Taylorsville Community Council Oct. 21st, 2015

Those attending: Dr. Garrett Muse (Principal), Eric Timpson (counselor), Natalie Paxton (teacher), Ms. Emme Liddell (VP administration, 12th), Andrew McLeran (teacher), Betsy Valora (parent), Michelle Christensen (parent), Mindy Barrios (parent), Susan Buttenob (employee, THS CC Sec.), Sarah Timpson (parent), Stephen Garlitz (parent), Bev Workman (parent), and Sarah Noel (visiting guest/parent).

Sec. Buttenob sent around the anticipated Taylorsville High School Community Council roster asking for corrections/ approval.

Minutes from the September council meeting were voted on. Vice Principal Liddell motioned to approve the minutes, Stephen Garlitz seconded the motion. Minutes were unanimously approved.

Dr. Muse mentioned District Community Council Board nominee was due today; October 21st. Taylorsville council already has one nominee. This fulfills our council and obligation, if she runs unopposed.

Dr. Muse discussed Community Council roles and duties of faculty and parents including the purposes of CC training and CC minimums (employee/parent ratios and how we as a council meet these requirements).

Nominations & elections for THS CC Chair & vice Chair were called by Dr. Muse. Open nominations began with Stephen Garlitz as Chair. Michelle Christensen motioned to approve Stephen as Chair. Natalie Paxton seconded the motion. Stephen was unanimously approved as the 2015-16 THS CC Chairperson. Next, Dr. Muse opened nominations for Vice Chair. Open nominations began with Natalie Paxton as Vice Chair. Drew McLean motioned to approve the nomination. Mindy Barrios seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to have Natalie Paxton serve as Vice Chair for THS CC for the 2015-16 school year.

Counseling Center/Mr. Timpson briefly went over counseling center news. Latino Night tonight at THS from 7:30-8:30, PSAT for sophomores, PLAN & upcoming ASVAB for juniors and College AP Day for seniors.

Vice Principal Liddell discussed our official enrollment at THS. As of October 1st, the total enrollment is 1,714 students. She discussed FTE and a few classes added per enrollment data. Classes added included Secondary Math II, World Studies, Computer Technology, and a dedicated Credit Recovery class during regular class hours. Many of these classes will start second semester, in January 2016. This will include minimal staffing adjustments to address the additional classes.

Ms. Liddell also briefly discussed the "Granite Way" Goals & how those goals (how they are implemented) and how those goals drive what we do at THS. She also touched on Trust lands, where that funding comes from and how we as a community council generally use those funds to implement programs (AVID, for example) to help improve our state scores (SAGE/ACT), graduation rates and overall educational climate at THS.

Dr. Muse gave an overview of THS scores and grades in greater detail this month. He discussed the data and growth in areas such as English, Language Arts, Secondary Math II & III, Biology, Chemistry and Physics (among others). THS had significant growth in all areas; our scores were higher than many schools in GSD and many high schools statewide.

Mr. McLeran briefly explained the Capstone Program (THS AP classes that count as college credit after high school) in greater detail & what his personal thoughts were for the course of this program in the future.

Meeting adjourned at 4:39 pm. Next meeting is scheduled for November 18th at 3:30 in Room G-105.