

Minutes for THS CC 9/16/15

Those attending: Dr. Garrett Muse (Principal), Ms. Emme Liddell (Vice Principal, 12th grade administration), Natalie Paxton (teacher), Andrew McLeran (teacher), Betsy Valora (parent), Eric Timpson (counselor), Karen Witt (parent), Craig Caldwell (visitor), Susan Buttenob (employee & new THS CC Sec.

Welcome was given by Dr. Muse.

A motion for minute approval for May 13th meeting was put forth by Natalie Paxton. It was seconded by Betsy Valora. Minute approval was unanimous.

Dr. Muse spoke about the upcoming THS Community Council election to be held during SEPs nights, Sept. 29th & 30th. He informed the Board of needing an additional day for voting (three are required by state community council guidelines). Dr. Muse suggested setting up the election box one day before SEPs, on Sept. 28th, to fill this requirement.

Dr. Muse also spoke about those declaring candidacy for THS Community Council. The candidates were listed on the agenda. Those declaring candidacy are as follows: Sarah Timpson, Karen Witt, Bev Workman, Stephen Garlitz, Celina Milner, Betsy Valora, Michelle Christensen, Andrea Bingham, Celina Milner, and Mindy Barrios.

Dr. Muse inquired about our insights in regards to having all parents interested on being a part of THS Community Council. Since many of the candidates are parents, according to state community council guidelines, there is no set number of parents that can be on community council. With that said, there are challenges that come with that issue. It was openly and briefly discussed by all members on how to set time constraints, set limits to maintain order and general decorum in all community council meetings. Since there were positive reactions to having more parental involvement, an official vote was taken. Natalie Paxton motioned the vote, Karen Witt seconded the motion. Motion for allowing all parents to join THS Community Council was unanimous.

Based upon the 1760 students currently attending THS as of September 14th, Vice Principal Emme Liddell spoke as to where our current numbers could leave us for Full Time Employment positions (possibly adding classes/teachers based upon this number). The final number will be established on October 1st and any class changes (based on size, need, etc.) will be decided after that date. More information will follow in the October meeting.

Next, Dr. Muse spoke of THS school scores and grades. THS did well in overall score performance beating out state and district average scores. English, Math, Reading and Science grades were up (.2% overall). In fact, THS school grade went from a D to a C this year. Dr. Muse congratulated the teachers, students & parents in the success of the scores.

Eric Timpson, THS Counselor, spoke of happenings in the THS Counseling Center which included the new Granite School District College & Career Readiness High School Student Planning Guides, which will be distributed to all Sophomores (several copies were available for THS Community Council members to review). He spoke about the Sophomore PSAT on October 14th, College and Career Readiness meeting for seniors scheduled next week (Sept. 21-25th), College Day & Paying for College Night on Sept. 24th and the Utah Educational PACE plan.

Dr. Muse mentioned that community council training was mandatory for all members. Dates for training included Hunter High School on Oct. 20th, Granite Education Center on Oct. 21st & Olympus High School on Oct. 22nd. An email will be sent to all current and interested individuals with hopes that all can attend. Makeup dates may be available later.

The last item addressed was a concern of Karen Witt regarding traffic flow during high traffic times on 5400 South and Warrior Way stop sign (T-intersection stop sign). Her concern was that traffic is backing up onto 5400 S. from Warrior Way stop sign. Since the stop sign requires cars to stop at the T-intersection and no cars are coming from the east (from the softball fields), it is an unnecessary stop in traffic flow and causing unnecessary delays. Dr. Muse acknowledged the concerns and would look into it. He suggested it be readdressed at a later date (agenda item).

It was also noted by Dr. Muse that during our next meeting, we would vote on a new Chair to guide the meetings for this upcoming school year.

The next THS Community Council meeting will be on Oct. 21st at 3:30 pm in G105.

Meeting adjourned at 4:28 pm.