

Community Council Minutes

Wednesday, December 2, 2015

***Discussed Fight the New Drug.** Dave Holt talked to Kearns Jr and High schools and was given a very positive response for both the evening meeting and student assembly.

-We motioned to join with Granger High School for the Evening meeting with parents @ Granger. Date is to be determined.

-We to do our own assembly following the evening meeting.

***Analyzed data and program progress.** Dave Holt provided worksheet with the following data:

-Attendance by month for the last 2 months. There were more tardies and absences in November than in October.

-Enrollment has gone down quite a bit (from 640 to 619 from beginning of year. Hispanics make up 50% of our enrollment, with Caucasians making up 33%

-Failing grades for 1st term was close to 20% which is a 6% increase from the last 3 years for 1st quarter grades. However the average GPA for first term was about the same as previous years. 17.55 % of 7th graders are failing vs. 21.58% of 8th graders. Business was the highest percentage in departments at 55%, with English being the next highest at 23%, followed by the Fine Arts at 20%.

-Question was brought up if we had data on # of students failing by ethnicity. Dave Holt will get that data for next month's meeting.

***Discussed course and student enrollment priorities**

-It is harder to change students schedule now that we are on a 5x5 block. Therefore we don't want to offer classes we don't think we can get teachers for as it leads to students being dissatisfied with their school schedules.

-Last year we offered Speech (public speaking) but it didn't pull enough students to carry out. We also offered French, but were not able to find a teacher.

-Suggested classes to add to next year's enrollment card was Intro to Film Making, and Digit's Lab

-Discussed Honors classes as not being true honors classes due to district policy that grades and behaviors cannot be factors in determining who can be in an honors class, decision is solely left up to the parents. We discussed the option of clustering students with higher GPAs into one honors class vs. another, but the downside is that the more exclusive you make the classes the harder it is to schedule classes that students want.

-Question was brought up if grades have gone down in honors classes since the district made this policy change. The answer was not definitive, but is believed to be about the same.

***Reviewed leadership team actions and Professional Development**

-School is working on accreditation teams, may be asking parents to help. They will meet for the 1st time in the middle of January.

Persons in attendance:

Laurann Wilkey (co-chair)
Linda Arnold (parent liaison)
Dave Holt (principal)
Jacob Ballentine (school counselor)
Nicole Olsen (parent)
Garth H. (parent)
Shelley Francom (chair)
Justin Maddocks (teacher)
Ken Woods (teacher)
Rebecca Ibarra (assistant principal)

***Next month's community council will be held on Wednesday, January 6th at 3:00pm**