

Community Council Minutes

March 2, 2016

Our main discussion was how to spend the LAND Trust monies allotted to Valley Jr High this year. We analyzed the following possible needs:

1. Digital Citizenship (all the technology we have at Valley Jr High)
 - We have 5 computer labs (approximately 36 computers in each lab) Next year one of these labs will be replaced with brand new computers, the old computers will be used in the Library.
 - We have almost a 1:1 ratio of chrome books to students
 - We have kindle tablets available in the library for students to use
 - We have about 2 classroom sets of iPODs
 - We have 1 classroom set of iPADS
 - Our math department has Boogie Boards
2. Parent Training (Many parents aren't aware they can track their students grades and progress on line)
Possible ways to help train the parents how to use Parent Portal without spending money are:
 - Combine it with the Hot Dog Hello at the beginning of the year.
 - Have a Parent Forum at the beginning of the year on a different night. (We may not get as much participation this way, but in other ways it would be easier).
3. Intervention Aids for Math and Language Arts
 - We currently have 2 Math Aids and 0 aides for Language Arts. The Aids we have has helped students tremendously. We could really use more aids specifically to help those students who are struggling with reading.

After consulting with our librarian, Stephanie Mondragon who oversees all the technology in our school and discussing in depth each of these areas it was determined we don't have a need for additional technology, and our main need was to hire more aids for next year.

The following people voted 'YES' to spending the bulk of the LAND Trust money to hire and to have in place 4 (29 hour) Aids for next year, and to spend the remaining \$2000 to replace old Chrome Books: Laurann Wilkey, Ken Woods, Justin Maddocks, Jacob Ballentine, Becky Hall, Nicole Olsen, Garth Harris, Kim Overdiek, and Dave Holt

*Upcoming event: Fight the New Drug Parent Forum at Granger High on March 8, at 7:00pm. We will be calling parents to inform them this Friday and Monday and classify it is an anti-porn presentation.

*Reviewed the Progress Report letter that will be sent to all parents, it was approved and decided to include Valley Jr. High's goal for the year was to have a growth of 5% which shows how our actual growth far exceeded our expectations.

Those who attended this Community Council were: Laurann Wilkey (parent), Dave Holt (principal), Ken Woods (teacher), Justin Maddocks (teacher), Jacob Ballentine (counselor), Becky Hall (parent), Nicole Olsen (parent), Garth Harris (parent), Rebecca Ibarra (assistant principal), Kim Overdiek (parent), Stephanie Mondragon (librarian)

The next Community Council is scheduled for Wed. April 6, 2016 at 3:00 in Room 24 We invite all parents to attend.