

Community Council Minutes

February 3, 2016

*We analyzed benchmark test scores. From the beginning of the school year to post semester we saw the following percentage increase in the following test scores:

- Language Arts: 7th grade +9.15%, 8th grade +6.8%
- Math: 7th grade +13.65%, 8th grade +14.67%
- Science: 7th grade +10.2%, 8th grade +12.19%

5% is considered good growth, so these are pretty good growth percentages. It doesn't appear that double blocking regular English benefited the students more than the honor students that only had English every other day. We can't directly compare these test scores to those of last year because last years tests were given once a quarter, so there were fewer questions and this year the test was only taken once, so there were more questions and the questions themselves varied from this year to last.

*We talked about sending a survey out to teachers to get a better idea from them of where we can spend some of our land trust money for next years. Things to include on the survey are:

- More aids for ESL/ Language Arts/ Math
- Equipment
- Computer programs
- FTE for electives

*We talked also about sending out parent surveys about the following areas:

- How they feel about double blocking English and Math
- How their 8th graders feel about the 5x5 block versus last year's 4x4 block.
- Topic ideas for Parent Forums
- Invite participation in Community Council

*We discussed what to include in letter to mayors and households stating our mid-year progress report

-We will include the increase of all test results in the data we reviewed as all was a positive reflection on our school.

Those who attended of this meeting were: Laurann Wilkey (parent), Linda Arnold (parent liaison), Gath Harris (parent), Becky Hall (parent), Jacob Ballentine (school counselor), Holly Hennessy (parent), Kenneth Woods (teacher), Justin Maddocks (teacher), Dave Holt (principal)

***The next Community Council will be held on March 2, 2016 at 3:00 pm in room #24 at Valley Jr. High**