

COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES: November 4, 2015

*Discussed 8th grade student body's proposal of an all-night party at end of year

- State curfew is 10:00, so a party would need to end by 9:00 to give kids time to get home.
- Students need to come with a written plan detailing activities, food, and entertainment, list of local businesses, and teachers who will support this party, due by December 2nd.

*Discussed possible video presentation for parents and assembly for students on "Fight the new drug" to increase awareness of the harmful effects of pornography. Cory Holdaway spoke about this program.

-Concerns are: this is not in the state's core (so does it justify pulling kids out of class for it?, Will bringing this out accelerate the problem rather than help it?

-Ideas were: include it during white ribbon week, only have a presentation for the parents, and not the assembly, post posters around the school to increase awareness.

-Decided to wait to get feedback from other schools who have done it or are doing it this year to see if it had a positive effect on the community.

*Reviewed school expenditures

-Due to there not being enough students enrolled our school lost some funding so we moved some money over from math aids to FTE.

*Analyzed school data and programs

-The percentage of kids who pass the sage test grades 7-8 are between 16-21% this school year. Some percentages dropped while others increased from last year

-SRI test scores showed 26% of students were proficient or advanced which is a 6% increase from last year. Basic level also increased by 4%. This growth is the best in the district.

-We want to continue to analyze data like this to help us identify our schools biggest need. We want to compare data with new programs we have in place to see how it is affecting test scores

-Example 1 the computer lab is a new class this year, how are students in this class comparing in test scores with those not in this class.

-Example 2 the 5 day a week math and English

-Pull data from these two examples to analyze.

*Linda Arnold from the Family Center asked about how to get more parent involvement and the best way to inform parents of what's going on. We decided a once a month email to parents would be beneficial.

*Discussed how to involve more parents in Community Council and how to help them understand what it is.

-Motion was approved to have Garth Harris (member of C.C.) write up a quarterly newsletter to email to parents.

-Look into getting business partners to help donate money for land trust fund by sending out letters to businesses such as Amazon and other bigger companies.

*Community council attendance:

-Linda Arnold (parent liaison)

-Nicole Olsen (parent)

-Justin Maddocks (teacher)

-Holly Hennessy (parent)

-Jacob Ballentine (school counselor)

-Ken Woods (teacher)

-Rebecca Hall (parent)

-Laurann Wilkey (parent)- community council co-chair

-David Holt (principal)

-Shelly Francom (parent)- community council chair

-Garth Harris (parent)