

West Valley Elementary Community Council

Held: Thursday, November 13, 2014 at 7:45am

Presiding Chair: Phillip Twede

Conducting: Amy Martz

Council Members Present:

Phillip Twede - Parent
Natalie Cooke - Parent
Kerri Bauer - Parent
Mandee Cossa - Teacher
Amy Martz - Principal

Staff or Parents Present:

Mr. McDaniel-Cyprus High School Principal
Dana Okurlund

Agenda:

- Design SSAP goals
- Continue discussions on equipment/software purchases
- Advise what ipads/hardware that the school has already purchased to determine where the gaps are
- Review what is currently being offered to the teachers around technology learning sessions.
- Review the beginning SAGE test results for this year.
- Cyprus High School Principal, Mr. McDaniels, will visit to discuss the plan to implement the Junior High 9th graders into Cyprus High School.

Action Items:

1. There were no action items for this meeting.

No Action Comments:

1. Dana Okurland started the meeting discussing how she has been utilizing her kindles in the classroom. She spoke of the assessment program, Mastery Connect, she utilizes to follow students reading. It is similar to the DIEBLS assessments.

Another program Mrs. Okurland found to be useful is Socrative. This program allows her to engage and assess her students in real time. She is able to type up a quick question as they are discussing a topic and the student will receive it immediately.

Mrs Okurland gave us her personal opinion on Chromebooks and ipads. She recommended that grades 3-6 should use the chromebooks and k-2 should use the ipads.

2. Mr. McDaniel discussed the reconfiguration of 9-12 grades. The proposal is for 9 graders students at Matheson and Brockbank Junior High be integrated into Cyprus High School. It has been found that 9th grades students are not as well prepared academically due to the separation.

Cyprus High is the 4th largest school in the district. Community Councils from Brockbank, Matheson, and Cyprus must approve a final reconfiguration plan before it becomes a community vote.

Cyprus is an old school and needing many repairs. It is the next school on the list to be rebuilt. However, Two-thirds of tax payers do not have kids in school and most likely would decline a tax increase to build it. The current bond ends in 2016 and the district would be able to try and continue the bond for Cyprus and Skyline rebuilds 2018-2019 this way property taxes would not need to be increased.

3. The council discussed plans to help gradually implement the technology equipment. Training for the devices is essential and could be provided during Data meetings, professional development at the end of the term, or on Fridays on off collaboration days.

It was suggested that a leading team of teachers become a part of a PLC to learn technology in the classroom. We would implement criteria such as attending trainings and attend community council meetings to provide feedback on how it is working in the classrooms. Ms. Martz invited the council members to the 8am teacher meeting on Friday, November 14, 2014 to discuss the ideas.

4. Phil was looking into to possibly getting refurbished devices. The council is also considering the idea to raise funds for more devices using GoFundMe.com or DonorsChoose.org.

The meeting ended with the scheduling of another special Community Council meeting scheduled for Monday, November 17, 2014 at 5:30pm.

Agenda for meeting on Monday, November 17, 2014

- Discuss teacher interest
- How to allocate dollars
- Teacher driven technology PLC

Agenda for December 11, 2014

- Design SSAP goals