

West Hills Middle School
School Community Council
October 1, 2013

ATTENDING: Stacy Evans, Dantzel Ballentine, Jenni Shelton, Shawntell Butters, Anjanette Slack, William Boyea, Ellen Stemle, Phil Johnson, Glen Richins, Alisha Huefner, Anne Hickenlooper, Wyatt Bentley

Excused: Chandra Walker, Rob Summers, Alicia Summers, and Caleb Olsen

1. WELCOME

- ❖ Shawntell Butters welcomed everyone.

2. MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING

- ❖ Minutes were read silently. Anjanette Slack motioned to accept the minutes. Jenni Shelton seconded. Voting was unanimous.

3. RULES OF ORDER AND PROCEDURE

- ❖ Phil Johnson motioned to adopt the rules. William Boyea seconded. Voting was unanimous.

4. SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

- ❖ Stacy stated that since there were fewer nominations than positions on the council, so everyone who had been nominated would be able to serve on the committee, 9 parents and 4 staff members.
- ❖ Members can serve for 2 years and then need to be re-elected if there are elections.
- ❖ Stacy reviewed the election timelines we approved as a council last spring.
- ❖ The proposed dates for future meetings this year are November 14, February 6, April 10
- ❖ Anjanette Slack motioned to accept the proposal. Phil Johnson seconded. Voting was unanimous.

5. CHAIR & VICE-CHAIR

- ❖ Alisha Huefner nominated Alisha Butters. Rachel Stemle seconded it.
- ❖ Anjanette Slack nominated herself for co-chair. Shawntell Butters seconded it. There were no other nominations
- ❖ Leadership orientation will be available on Oct. 9 or 10. Stacy Evans, Shawntell Butters, and Anjanette Slack will attend on Oct. 10th

6. NEW VICE-PRINCIPALS.

- ❖ Stacy introduced Wyatt Bentley and talked about his background.
- ❖ Stacy also gave information about Caleb Olsen.

7. TRUST LANDS UPDATE

- ❖ Community Council members were updated on the technology use of trust lands money to upgrade the lab in room 215.
- ❖ Stacy has ordered new CPU's, 40 of each.
- ❖ West Hills is sending 10 faculty to a professional development PLC in November.

8. LEAP TIME

- ❖ Stacy Evans discussed the purpose of LEAP. It is not just remediation, but learning enhancement as well. Conducted similar to Ketchup and Relish, but with more frequency.
- ❖ LEAP will be once a week. Students who didn't master a concept can go visit that teacher. If they have an "I" they go to that teacher first.
- ❖ Anjanette Slack expressed the concern that math was too full.

- ❖ There were some wrinkles the first two times it happened. Some students who needed help didn't go to the rooms they needed.
 - ❖ West Hills also offers after school tutoring. The school needs to do a better job getting that information out to parents. One parent who has an 8th grader didn't know about that resource. This information will be placed on the school website.
9. COUNSELING CENTER
- ❖ Dantzel Ballentine asked that the Community Council members serve as members of the Comprehensive Counseling and Guidance Program advisory committee. The members consented.
 - ❖ October 9, 2013 is the date of the 13th annual Reality Town at West Hills. Dantzel Ballentine asked parents to volunteer and encourage their neighbors to volunteer also.
 - ❖ The Counseling Center gave an update on meeting with all of our 7th graders. Counselors take a few minutes individually with each student to go over career plans and to get to know a few things about the student. Response from the students has been great.
10. SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL COMPOSITION
- ❖ There was discussion about the size of the council, since we did not have enough nominations to fill the council. Appointees must be added to the committee by Nov. 14th
 - ❖ We will have interest forms at the main office during student led conference and announce it on the intercom on Wednesday and Thursday.
 - ❖ The committee will appoint 7 additional members from the interest forms we gather.
 - ❖ Jenni Shelton motioned to continue with a total of 20 community council members. Anne Hickenlooper seconded it. It was approved.
11. CONCERNS AND SUGGESTIONS
- ❖ Stacy Evans mentioned she had received some expressions of parent concern about the bond and also about our school grade from parents, and gave some information about these items.
 - ❖ School Grading System
 - Parents for Choice proposed the school grading system.
 - The research does not show that school grades have any impact on student achievement.
 - There is no funding tied to improving schools with low grades.
 - West Hills is at 77%, a B. 80% is an A. Proficiency is 83%.
 - Stacy explained how the Growth Percentile is determined, based on a cohort group of students who received the same score from the previous year's test results. Because they are percentile ranked, these scores fall in a normal distribution (bell curve), so most fall in the B, C, D range.
 - Schools automatically receive an F if enough students do not test.
 - ❖ BOND, there is information at www.jordanbond.org
 - The council watched an informational video about the bond from the jordan.bond.org site.
 - The bond would be used to build 8 new elementary, 2 new middle schools and 1 new high school. In addition it would fund renovations at existing schools.
 - Two schools will be torn down and rebuilt.
 - The bond would cost home owners about \$10 per month per \$100,000 value of a home.
12. MOTION TO DISMISS

- ❖ William Boyea motioned to dismiss. Rachel Stemle seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous.

Next meeting is November 14, 2013.