

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. 10<sup>th</sup>
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 8<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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. 14<sup>th</sup>
  - ❖ 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](http://www.jordanbond.org)
    - The council watched an informational video about the bond from the [jordan.bond.org](http://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.