

West Hills Middle
School Community Council
April 9, 2015

ATTENDING: Anjanette Slack, Stacy Evans, Chandra Walker, Ellen Stemle, Rochelle Waite, Jenni Shelton, Caleb Olson, Louise Atkinson, Anne Hickenlooper, Phil Johnson

MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING

- Jenni Shelton motioned to accept the minutes, seconded. Voting was unanimous.

TACKLING TARDIES

- Caleb Olson shared a graph showing tardies for 2010-2015.
- A concern was raised regarding the amount of tardies that 7th graders are accumulating.
- "Every Minute Counts at Joel P. Jensen" from the district site was presented along with the tardy policy.
- Discussion regarding how strict WHMS should be. Jennie Shelton suggested that we do tardy sweeps.
- Lunch detention works with some students.
- Questions regarding lowering the number of maximum tardies and possible suspension.

SCHOOL LAND TRUST 2015-16

- Stacy Evans went over the goal for next year.
- Increase the number of students proficient in language arts, math and science by 5%. Use data from the SAGE test and SRI.
- Proposal to spend money on salaries and wages, professional development, computer equipment, and software.
- Jenni Shelton brought up using trust lands for the school play at a different school. Stacy offered to use some money from the general ed. fund so Land Trust funds could be used to more directly impact student achievement.
- Ellen Stemle motioned that we accept the proposed use for Trust Lands, Louise Atkinson seconded. Voting was unanimous to approve the plan.

COUNSELING CENTER

- Each year the counselors complete a Program Improvement Project. For the past two years we have worked to decrease failing grades among targeted ethnic minorities. This year we worked with 14 students, 11 who are 8th and 9th graders. 84% improved their grades by receiving at least one less F.
- We are looking forward to our 13th annual 8th grade Job Shadow on April 24th.

CONCERNS & SUGGESTIONS

- Jenni Shelton was concerned about the number of parents on Community Council and encouraged all members to recruit other parents. Anne Hickenlooper suggested getting parents from different neighborhoods.
- It was suggested that we have treats.

- Anjanette Slack commented on the decline in the lack of respect among the students.
- Caleb Olson inquired if parents were receiving the e-mail with the school events for the month.

ADJOURNMENT

- Chandra Walker motioned to adjourn and Phil Johnson seconded. Voting was unanimous.