

West Hills Middle School School Community Council November 8, 2012

ATTENDING: Kim Baker, Shawntell Butters, Anjanette Slack, Amanda Parker, Chandra Walker, Jacinto Peterson, Andrea Holmquist, Cody Curtis, Karen Gorringer, Victor Neves, William Boyea, Louise Atkinson, Tami Ewell, Alisha Huefner, David Pack, Hilary Emmer, Justin Stoker

1. WELCOME

- Shawntell Butters welcomed everyone.

2. MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING

- Minutes were read silently. Anjanette Slack motioned to accept the minutes. Amanda Parker seconded. Voting was unanimous.

3. SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN & TRUST LANDS

- Kim Baker updated the Community Council on the Trust Land voted purchase of a classroom set of I Pads, with a cart, for this school year. (Voted unanimous last meeting to move money for the purchase of I Pads).
- Ms. Baker also went over the draft of the 2013-14 school plan and asked for input or changes. We will vote next meeting.

4. AFTER-SCHOOL ACTIVITIES AND TUTORING

- Andrea Holmquist, administrative intern, gave an update on the number of students who participated in 2011-12 and the numbers so far this year. Flag football and Cat Food Club were highlighted.
- Karen Gorringer presented information on after school tutoring for the first quarter of this year.

5. COMMUNICATION - SKYLERT, FACEBOOK & TWITTER

- Cody Curtis went over the forms of communication that include: newsletter, Sky Alert, Facebook, Twitter, phone calls, e-mail.
- Ideas for improvement included sending a link to the digital version to patrons.
- Parents commented they like the Sky Alerts, Wildcat Weekly that is e-mailed, and the postcards sent home via mail.

6. KETCHUP AND RELISH

- Cody Curtis went over Ketchup and Relish. Using Google Docs technology and adding to the quality of Relish activities.

- More students raised their grades after the second Ketchup and Relish.

7. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT – MENTORING, PLANNING DAYS

- Amanda Parker explained what the Catwalk program is about (a mentor teacher program), and their hopes to accomplish.
- Trust Lands money is used to pay subs to cover for teams of teachers to work together planning curriculum and assessments.

8. SAFETY CONCERNS

- The administration talks with the traffic guards regarding concerns that have been raised.
- Announcements are made frequently to remind students about the things they need to do to be safe.
- Two students are working to make sure students are treated with respect. They want to start a program, “Time for Change.”
- There were concerns about the way students weave in and out of traffic and the way some kids get dropped off.

9. COUNSELING CENTER

- Chandra Walker thanked the community and PTSA for their support of Reality Town. We had enough volunteers and appreciated the financial help from PTSA.
- Counselors are currently running groups for students who have lost a close family member, who have a parent incarcerated, and a girls issues group. Also, 8th grade students and their parents to plan for College and Career Readiness.

10. WEST JORDAN CITY

- Justin Stoker thanked the West Hills administration for all that they did to make the community meeting on parks successful.
- The Ron Wood Park was selected.
- The long-term goals include plans being completed by February 2013 and construction will begin in June of 2013.
- Kim Baker inquired about the inclusion of a skate park.

11. MOTION TO DISMISS

- William Boyea motioned to dismiss. Dave Pack seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous.

Next meeting is February 7, 2013.