

West Hills Middle  
School Community Council  
October 8, 2015

ATTENDING: Anjanette Slack, Stacy Evans, Chandra Walker, Ellen Stemle, Rochelle Waite, Jenni Shelton, Tami Sarzalejo, Aaron Janssen, Anne Hickenlooper

## WELCOME

### RESPONSIBILITIES OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

- Discussion was held regarding members who are on Community Council, but don't attend.
- Tami Sarzalejo motioned to allow the council to vote to remove members of School Community Council who miss two consecutive meetings. Jenni Shelton seconded. Voting was unanimous.

### ELECTRONIC VOTING

- Discussion about electronic voting. Jenni Shelton moved that if needed, parents could vote electronically. Chandra Walker seconded. Voting was unanimous.

### FUTURE DATES

- Discussion was held regarding the day of the week to hold Community Council. Anjanette Slack suggested we hold two meetings on Wednesday and two meetings on Thursday.
- Need a date for near end of March or beginning of April (prior to due date for next year's Land Trust Plan), Wednesday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 was selected.
- Meeting for second quarter, Thursday January 7<sup>th</sup>
- Last meeting on Wednesday, May 11
- Motion to approve dates was made by Ellen Stemle. Second was approved by Tami Sarzalejo. Voting was unanimous.

### COMMUNITY COUNCIL CHAIR & CO-CHAIR

- Chandra Walker motioned that Anjanette Slack be the Chair and Jenni Shelton as Co-Chair. Janet Sanders seconded. Voting was unanimous.

### TRUSTLANDS

- Update from 2014-15. WHMS did not spend all the money. Stacy Evans reported on how funds were spent and why funds in some categories were not expended fully.
- Proposed Budget Amendment for 2015-16.
  - District gave money to pay for ESL aid so that frees the money that was allocated for other things.
  - Stacy proposed that we hire an aid to help with credit recovery for 9<sup>th</sup> graders.
  - Stacy Evans proposed that we send teachers to the PLC conference
  - A proposal was made to buy more mobile computer labs, including 3 mobile labs, 4 mobile carts, 3 printers and 3 printer carts.
  - Jenni Shelton motioned to approve amended budget. Tami Sarzalejo seconded. Voting was unanimous.

## SAFE TECHNOLOGY UTILIZATION AND DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP

- WHMS follows district policy.
- Netsmartz presented an assembly on online safety. Anjanette Slack commented that she was able to see the assembly and thought it gave good information. Anne Hickenlooper added that parents liked it.
- 7<sup>th</sup> graders learn Internet safety and social media etiquette in the College and Career Awareness.
- Community Council members can add to the handout that we went over.
- We could add a parent education night to help parents. Aaron Janssen thought that would be a great idea. Stacy Evans will look into what is available.
- Stacy Evans asked if there are other concerns or if the Council would like additional information about safe technology use.

## COUNSELING CENTER

- Reality Town is on October 20, 2015. This is a great opportunity for students to learn about the importance of higher education and also financial issues. Please encourage your friends and neighbors to volunteer. We ask that volunteers attend from 8:30 – 11:30 AM
- 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 our focus is working with 9<sup>th</sup> grade ethnic minority students who failed 1 or more core classes in 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Our goal is to reduce the F's by one for each student.
- Chandra Walker explained the change in state guidelines regarding individual college and career meetings. Parent feedback is that they would prefer it be held with 9<sup>th</sup> grade students.

## LEAP

- The new set up for LEAP was explained. It is a process that we are continuing to work on.
- Anne Hickenlooper asked about the changes in LEAP. She commented that for many students doing a fun activity was motivation to pass.

## CONCERNS & SUGGESTIONS

- Stacy asked members to share information with neighbors regarding the survey for accreditation.
- A request was made for parents to suggest items to the agenda if they think would like information about something we have not covered.
- Each member introduced himself or herself.
- Stacy Evans shared information about upcoming School Community Council Chair trainings to be provided by the Jordan School District Board of Education. One of the meetings will be held at nearby Copper Hills High School.

## ADJOURNMENT

- Chandra Walker motioned to adjourn and Jenni Shelton seconded. Voting was unanimous.