

West Hills Middle
School Community Council
October 18, 2016

ATTENDING: Stacy Evans, Chandra Walker, Ellen Stemle, Rochelle Waite, Caleb Olsen, Janet Sanders, David Pack, Tammy Sarzalejo, Jenni Shelton, Aubrey Savas, Charrie Jaramillo, Julie Weir, Anne Hickenlooper

WELCOME

RULES OF PROCEDURE

- Meetings are open to the public.
- Minutes are taken.
- Need to develop timeline of important due dates.
- See handout for other items.
- 14 people signed up for Community Council. The Council can appoint people to the 6 remaining positions.

TRAINING FOR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

- Motion to elect chairperson made by Stacy Evans. Julie Weir seconded. Voting
- Julie Weir motioned that David Pack be chair. Janet Sanders nominated Jenni Shelton as the Chair. Chandra Walker motioned that nominations cease. Caleb Olson seconded. Voting was unanimous. In a secret ballot, Jenni Shelton was elected chair.
- Chandra Walker nominated David Pack for co-chair. Anne Hickenlooper seconded. Voting was unanimous.
- Stacy shared the training with David and Jenni. Recommendation was made for November 3 @ CHHS.

TIMELINE

- Fall, elections if needed.
- Mid August to October 1. Financial reports uploaded by JSD
- By Oct. 20th. Proposed meeting schedule, SCC contact info, summary of previous year's Land Trust, etc.
- Meeting for second quarter, Wednesday, January 11 @ 4:30
- Third quarter, March 22nd @ 4:30 p.m.
- Last meeting on May 10th @ 4:30 p.m.
- Motion to approve dates was made by Chandra Walker. Second was approved by Jenni Shelton. Voting was unanimous.

STUDENT LEARNING AND GRADES

- Grades from the USBE. Part of the Utah Code dropped grades if 65% of schools received an A or B.
- West Hills had 99% of students not opted out take the SAGE.
- In Language Arts, 33% were proficient. Math 35% was proficient. Science 42% was proficient.
- Growth was also measured.
- Assessment to Achievement supports WHMS in increasing achievement.

- Professional development over the summer.
- Standards to work on. Language Arts goal is to work on what the text says explicitly. Math is working on expressions and equations (Algebra).
- Ranking of instructional strategies. Working on questioning strategies.
- Working on behavior. Rochelle Waite and Caleb Olson presented on Positive Behavioral Supports and Interventions. There are clear steps that are used school wide. Students know the expectations.

COUNSELING CENTER

- Reality Town was a great activity for our 9th graders. Thanks to everyone in our community for their support. Without our volunteers we couldn't do Reality Town. This is a great opportunity for students to learn about the importance of higher education and also financial issues.
- Each year the counselors complete a Program Improvement Project. One of the groups who are struggling on SAGE is our Hispanic students. The counselors are working on a study skills groups for 7th grade students who were failing one or more class at mid-term were asked to join.
- A suggestion was made to add information about where to report a student who is threatening suicide. Counselors will add information about the Utah helpline at UNI and information about contacting the police.
- Council Members agreed to act as the CCGP Advisory.

NEXT MEETING

- Stacy stated that we would go over Land Trust, the School Improvement Plan, Interim Assessment Data and Counseling Center update.
- Items can be added as needed.

ADJOURNMENT

- Chandra Walker motioned to adjourn and Stacy Evans seconded. Voting was unanimous.