

West Hills Middle
School Community Council
October 5, 2017

ATTENDING: Stacy Evans, Chandra Walker, Ellen Hensel, Janet Sanders, Jenni Shelton, Mike Hughes, Cynthia Vandermeiden, Cindy Barney, Aaron Wilhelm

WELCOME – Jenni Shelton

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Jenni Shelton motioned to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Stacy Evans seconded. Voting was unanimous.

TRUSTLANDS UPDATE

- Stacy Evans motioned to table the Land Trust Progress to the next meeting. Chandra Walker seconded. Motion carried.

RULES/PROCEDURES

- Questions were raised about printing the minutes. Members agreed to electronic copy of the meetings.
- Follow simple rules of Parliamentary Procedure [on our webpage](#).
- Provision for removal of member who has missed 2 meetings or moved away [part of rules of order and procedure](#).

ETHICAL BEHAVIOR AND CIVIL DISOCURSE

- Attend council meetings on time and prepared.
- Make decisions with the needs of students as the main objective.
- Listen to and value diverse opinions.
- Be sure the opinions of those you represent are included in discussions
- Expect accountability and be prepared to be accountable
- Act with integrity.

TIMELINE/MEETING DATES

- FALL – elections (Back to School Night, if needed)
- MID-AUGUST- OCTOBER 1ST- financial reports uploaded by JSD
- BY OCTOBER 20TH – proposed meeting schedule, SCC contact info, summary of previous year's Land Trust, membership report, principal assurance, final report on previous year's Land Trust.
- APRIL 1ST – progress report on current Land Trust, School Plan for Land Trust for the coming school year, Committee Signature Form
- JULY – Distribution of School Land Trust Funds to District.

PROPOSED MEETING DATES

- October 5 @ 4:30 p.m.
- January 3rd @ 4:30 p.m.
- March 7th @ 4:30 p.m.
- May 2nd @ 4:30 p.m.
- Cindy Barney motioned to approve the meeting dates. Aaron Wilhelm seconded. Voting was unanimous.

SCC TRAINING SCHEDULE 2017-18

- Dates on handout
- Stacy Evans motioned to nominate a chair. Cindy Barney seconded.
- Ellen Hensel nominated Jenni Shelton for community council chair. Chandra Walker seconded. Voting was unanimous.
- Chandra Walker nominated Aaron Wilhelm for vice-chair. Stacy Evans seconded. Voting was unanimous.

STUDENT LEARNING AND SCHOOL GRADE

- WHMS received a C for the 2016 Sage results. For 2017 scores WHMS went down a little in math and language arts in 2017. Science went up.
- In student growth over time, WHMS has seen growth in all areas, but we continue our efforts to have more students learning at higher levels.

CODE OF CONDUCT/ATTENDANCE POLICY

- Mike Hughes reviewed the code of conduct from the student handbook.
- Cynthia Vandermeiden went over the data from tardies from last year. Stacy Evans commented that WHMS has worked on it for several years. The concern is to help students out.
- Concern about the students late to 1st period because of issues at home. Parents can excuse tardy by 10:30 a.m. the day of the tardy. Cindy Barney moved to change the tardy policy to allow parents to excuse tardies for 1st period. Ellen Hensel seconded. Voting was unanimous.

WELLNESS POLICY & CHARITABLE FUNDRAISER

- Mike Hughes reviewed policy about wellness. Food services works to provide nutritional lunches. P.E. classes are provided for students.
- Proposed school fundraiser to raise money for a school in Houston devastated by Hurricane Harvey. Ellen Hensel motioned to allow the charitable fundraiser. Cindy Barney seconded. Voting was unanimous.

COUNSELING CENTER

- Community Council agreed to act as the Comprehensive Guidance Advisory.
- Small presentation at back to school night of programs of students to get involved in. Council is OK with students doing a short presentation at the beginning of the meeting.
- Thanks to the community for their support of Reality Town. Over 40 parents helped out as volunteers.
- Students are using SafeUT to reach out if they are suicidal or can report bullying and friends they are concerned about. Students report anonymously by the SafeUT app. Responses are monitored by counselors and administration
- Parent meetings – vaping & drugs have been requested. Counselors planned nights for Suicide Prevention, Arena Scheduling, Resiliency among Teens, help with registration for 7th and 8th graders.
- 8th grade Plan for College and Career Readiness will start in November. Counselors meet with parents and students to help them prepare for high school and beyond.
- Beginning of December the counselors will present Suicide Prevention lessons to all students in science classes.

CONCERNS AND SUGGESTIONS

- Can add parents to the meeting. Jenni Shelton will do a shout out to parents on neighborhood page.
- Possibility of changing time. Stacy will send out a survey regarding time and dates for Community Council. Chandra Walker motioned to have Stacy send out an electronic poll about time and dates. Cindy Barney seconded. Voting was unanimous.

NEXT AGENDA

- Get the tardy changes to parent through social media.
- Land trust update
- School improvement plan
- Counseling Center Update

ADJOURNMENT

- Ellen Hensel motioned to adjourn and Cindy Barney seconded. Voting was unanimous.