

West Hills Middle School  
School Community Council  
February 6, 2014

ATTENDING: Stacy Evans, Chandra Walker, Caleb Olsen, Shawntell Butters, Rob Summers, Anne Hickenlooper, William Boyea, Alishia Huefner, Anjanette Slack, Jenni Shelton, Louise Atkinson, Justin Stoker (West Jordan City Council)

1. WELCOME

- ❖ Anjanette Slack welcomed everyone for Shawntell Butters.

2. MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING

- ❖ Minutes were read silently and amendments were made. Jenni Shelton motioned to accept the minutes. Rob Summers seconded. Voting was unanimous.

3. SCHOOL LUNCH PROCEDURES

- ❖ Stacy Evans described procedures in place at West Hills to ensure students do not go without lunch
- ❖ In Skyward parents can:
  - Make online payments
  - Opt-in to receive a low balance via e-mail
  - View lunch choices
- ❖ Lunch clerk sends e-mails & calls if the problem is persistent
- ❖ When a student runs out of money
  - Students may not realize this until after they've received their lunch, since payment occurs at the end of the line
  - Cashiers never take away the lunch
    - If they have less than \$2 the cashier will ask if they have money, if they don't they are allowed to contact a parent
    - If they owe more than \$2 the student goes to the clerk and gets a note to take home to the parent, indicating the amount owed. If this is a second time, the clerk also calls the parents.

4. SEVENTH GRADE CURRICULUM CHANGES

- ❖ Stacy Evans went over district changes to the 7<sup>th</sup> grade curriculum.
- ❖ Changes for 7<sup>th</sup> grade are:
  - Science is a full year instead of a semester.
  - 7<sup>th</sup> graders who excel at reading will be given an extra elective.
  - 7<sup>th</sup> graders will be able to test out of keyboarding.
- ❖ Changes for all grades
  - Spanish and French offered grades 7-9. No longer required for 8<sup>th</sup> graders.
  - Stacy Evans reminded that students who will be applying for the Regents Scholarship will need two years of a World Language during their 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade years, so some may wish to delay taking their language until 9<sup>th</sup> grade.

- Beginning Theater will be offered grades 7-9, Intermediate Theater 8-9
  - Chandra Walker went over the change to an elective for students who don't need reading
5. SCHOOL LAND TRUST
- ❖ \$24,840 on computers for lab
  - ❖ \$11,584 went to pay teachers for tutoring, intramurals, cat food club, subs for teachers to work on curriculum, observing other teaches, and professional development.
  - ❖ \$8,148 has been spent on paying for professional development for teachers.
6. TARDIES
- ❖ Tardies increased from 1<sup>st</sup> to 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter. However, they are lower than 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter last year.
  - ❖ Between 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter the number of tardies decreased about 3,700.
  - ❖ Caleb Olsen presented information by grade level and percent of tardies.
  - ❖ Some students who are habitually tardy may be suspended.
  - ❖ Changes for 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter include focus on all grades, early intervention and remediation.
7. SNAP
- ❖ The request for Jordan School District for heavy snow removal equipment has been removed, because West Hills already has the heaviest equipment.
  - ❖ West Jordan City has improved the crossing situation at Dorilee and 4800 West with better markings and signage.
  - ❖ Money is coming from the state to expand 5600 West in two years. Sidewalks will probably not be done until then.
  - ❖ A request has been made for the city to clear snow off the walks along Grizzly Way. The West Jordan Councilman commented that the number one priority is snow removal from the streets. He explained the expense and city process of prioritizing snow removal.
  - ❖ There is a request to have the crossing guards remain at New Bingham until West Hills start.
  - ❖ Discussion was made to add the concern about the intersection at Dorilee and 4800 West back to the plan, with the goal of adding a rapid flashing beacon.
  - ❖ The council also requested the plan requests be sequenced in order of importance. Caleb Olson made the requested changes to the plan during the meeting.
  - ❖ A motion was made by Rob Summers to accept the recommendations discussed begin the process for submission to Jordan School District and West Jordan City. Louise Atkinson seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous.
8. COUNSELING CENTER
- ❖ Chandra Walker discussed registration. This year's 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders will begin registration on Monday, February 10. Cards will be due by Friday, February 14. Registration for next year's 6<sup>th</sup> graders will be on Wednesday, February 26.

- ❖ We had a lot of parents participate in our 9<sup>th</sup> grade College and Career Ready meetings. We have added information about post high school opportunities, financial aid for college, and salary and employability as it relates to levels of education.
- ❖ Chandra Walker told about the service awards the counselors will be giving at the end of the year. There are 3 levels, Bronze for 10 hours, Silver for 20 hours, and Gold for 30 hours.
- ❖ Counselors have set up a system to send out reminders and information via text message. Counselors are providing information on how to sign up.
- ❖ Counselors are planning on starting a study skills group for identified students with 1 or 2 F's in core classes. They are also planning for a group, Succeeding and Leading Together, with an emphasis on personal growth and leadership.

#### 8. CONCERNS AND SUGGESTIONS

- ❖ Stacy Evans asked if there were any concerns and suggestions for this meeting or future meetings.
- ❖ Caleb Olsen stated that the media center door would be available for community council members for the next meeting.
- ❖ Our faculty is working a new mission statement. "Every student, every day, learning at higher levels" is the new mission statement draft. We will discuss it in our next Community Council Meeting.

#### 9. MOTION TO DISMISS

- ❖ Rob Summers motioned to adjourn. Anne Hickenloper seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous.

Final Meeting is April 10, 2014