

West Hills Middle
School Community Council
December 9, 2014

ATTENDING: Anjanette Slack, Stacy Evans, Chandra Walker, Ellen Stemle, Phil Johnson, Rochelle Waite, David Pack, Jenni Shelton, Mike Hutchins

MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING

- Phil Johnson motioned to accept the minutes, Chandra Walker seconded. Voting was unanimous.

SAGE

- Stacy Evans presented a PowerPoint about the SAGE testing and the relationship to the new Utah Core standards.
 - Stacy discussed how scores for SAGE testing differ from scores from the former Criterion Referenced Tests (CRTs). SAGE is much more rigorous and tests a much deeper level of understanding, so comparison of scores from CRTs to SAGE would not be valid.
 - Stacy shared schoolwide SAGE results from the state website, and showed counsel members how to access information and results from SAGE.
- Jenni Shelton asked about parents opting their students out. Stacy Evans stated that very few parents had opted their students out of testing.

TRUST LANDS 2014-15

- Intern Assistant Principal Mike Hutchings went over the expenditures so far 2014-15.
- Money is going for computers (new chrome book lab), software for computers, professional development; provide an aide for our English Language Learners, salaries and wages for tutoring.
- Jennie Shelton asked about the number of students attending Study Hall. Chandra Walker reported it averages 25-30 students, many who need help and many need computer access.

ATTENDANCE

- Rochelle Waite went over proposed attendance policy.
- Chandra Walker made a motion that the attendance policy that members be allowed to vote online regarding the policy, or that we re-visit the issue at a future meeting due to low attendance at this meeting.
- Jenni Shelton seconded. Rochelle proposed that the voting conclude on December 16 (if we utilize online voting).

- After further discussion, Phil Johnson motioned that we revisit the attendance at the next community council. Chandra Walker seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous.

COUNSELING CENTER

- The Counseling Center is currently doing 8th grade CCR's Jenni Shelton and Anjanette Slack commented that they liked being able to schedule online.
- The counselors have completed 107 hats so far this year as part of our learning initiative. WHMS will donate them to the Road Home Shelter. Students who complete 5, 10, or 15 hours of service receive an award from the counselors.

CONCERNS & SUGGESTIONS

- Change of time. Next meeting will begin at 6 P.M.
- Phil Johnson commented that the average number of tardies has decreased significantly over the past two years. Down from 112 to 50 per day.

ADJOURNMENT

- Chandra motioned to adjourn and Ellen Stemle seconded. Voting was unanimous.

Next Meeting is February 5 @ 6:00 PM

Other meetings:
April 9, 2015 @ 6:00