West Hills Middle School Community Council February 5, 2015

ATTENDING: Anjanette Slack, Stacy Evans, Chandra Walker, Ellen Stemle, Rochelle Waite, Jenni Shelton, Caleb Olson, David Pack

#### MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING

Chandra Walker motioned to accept the minutes, Jenni Shelton seconded.
Voting was unanimous.

## TRUST LANDS UPDATE 2014-15, PLAN FOR 2015-16

- Stacy Evans went over the expenditures so far 2014-15.
- A lot of the monies are spent in the spring for conferences and planning time with subs paid for by Trust Lands.
- Spent \$10,277 on Chrome Books and mobile cart. Ellen Stemle commented that it was a time saver with the SAGE testing.
- Stacy Evans proposed that we continue to work on improving scores in Reading, Writing, Math and Sciences. Measurements include SAGE test, common formative assessments, SRI.
- Budget for 2015-16 will include aid for ELL students, monies to pay for study skills classes during the school day.

## SAFE WALKING

- Rochelle Waite went over the link on the safe walking route.
- Suggestions for improvement asked for frequently and timely snow removal and also a flashing beacon on 48<sup>th</sup> West. A request for sidewalks behind the school has also been included.
- David Pack mentioned that sometimes the crossing guards at New Bingham are leaving before the tardy bell rings. Concern was raised regarding students who are coming to students late and parents rushing. Stacy Evans will discuss it with our SRO.

### **ACCREDITATION**

- Caleb Olson discussed the upcoming accreditation for the 2015-16 school year.
- A committee of parents will also participate in the accreditation evaluation.
- Caleb Olson also discussed the surveys that need to be filled out by parents. One is for accreditation and one is for the state office.

# COUNSELING CENTER

• The Counseling Center having next years 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> graders register next Tuesday and will take their registration papers home for the parents to help them choose their classes. The papers are due back on Friday, February 13.

Registration for next years 7<sup>th</sup> graders will be on Wednesday, February 25<sup>th</sup> in the evening. The Counseling Center is proposing that the new requirement for a parent signed 4-year plan for 7<sup>th</sup> grade be done at registration so that parents can be there for the explanation. Council members agreed that would be a good idea.

## ATTENDANCE POLICY

• Anjanette Slack motioned for an electronic vote for approval of the new attendance policy. Jenni Shelton seconded. Voting was unanimous.

### **CONCERNS & SUGGESTIONS**

Jennie Shelton thanked the school for the support of the PTSA play.
Stacy Evans gave a huge thanks for the PTSA for putting on the school play.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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

Next Meeting is April 9, 2015 @ 6:00