

West Hills Middle School
School Community Council
April 11, 2013

ATTENDING: Stacy Evans, Chandra Walker, Jacinto Peterson, Cody Curtis, Tami Ewell, Alisha Huefner, Hilary Emmer, Jenni Shelton, Anjanette Slack, David Pack, Kim Searle, Louse Atkinson

1. WELCOME

- ❖ Stacy Evans welcomed everyone. She excused Shawntell Butters who is unable to attend and announced Hillary Emmer, our vice-chairperson will conduct.

2. MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING

- ❖ Minutes were read silently. Chandra Walker motioned to accept the minutes. Kim Searle seconded. Voting was unanimous.

3. REPORT ON TUTORING

- ❖ Cody Curtis reported on the updated statistics from tutoring data.
- ❖ Administration often lets parents know about tutoring.
- ❖ A question was raised regarding paying for dance rehearsals out of trust land monies and fairness to other arts programs.

4. DRAMA PRODUCTION

- ❖ Stacy Evans complimented the students, parents and staff involved in the Aladdin production on an excellent quality production.
- ❖ PTSA surveyed the students regarding this production and future productions.
- ❖ Stacy went over comments from staff, students, and parents.
- ❖ The PTSA and West Hills are looking at the possibility of performing *Mulan Jr.* next year. This needs to be approved and the process has started.
- ❖ Stacy went over the make-up of the school selection committee and selection process for putting on another production. Chandra Walker nominated Jenni Shelton as the rep from the Community Council. Alishia Huefner seconded. Voting was unanimous. The selection committee will review *Mulan Jr.*, along with two other scripts for possible production in Spring 2014.

5. COUNSELING CENTER

- ❖ Chandra Walker asked for input regarding helping our students be college and career ready.
- ❖ Ideas: each TA class adopts a college. Know the college, programs, and sports programs. Teachers make choices of what colleges their students can pick
- ❖ Another idea to make students aware of options. What schools offer programs, salary, how long they have to attend school.
- ❖ Another idea is to have students complete a financial literacy component during TA.
- ❖ What is required to get where you want to be. If you are going to be a doctor, take biology.
- ❖ Do a “get a job” activity during TA.

- ❖ Maybe do academies during TA. Midvale Middle has done it in the past.
- ❖ Options were discussed regarding TA and opting out of teachers.

6. CHANGES FOR THE 2013-14 ELECTIONS FOR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

- ❖ Need to create an outline and adopt a timeline for elections.
- ❖ Stays the same for 4 years.
- ❖ Needs to be at end of previous year or beginning of the new year.
- ❖ Minimum of 10 days of prior notice. May be mail, sky alert.
- ❖ If there is no contested race, no election is needed.
- ❖ No term limits for parents/guardians.
- ❖ SCC determines size of council, with staggered terms.
- ❖ After election choose a parent chairperson and vice-chair who is either parent or staff member.
- ❖ Proposed changes include:
 - 2 weeks prior to 1st day of school, notice of election
 - Day of notice until before election, nominations accepted.
 - During 1st two weeks of school, election if needed at back to school night
 - Concerns were raised about people who don't have access to online
- ❖ After election choose a parent chairperson and vice-chair who is either parent or staff member.
- ❖ Kim Searle discussed setting a number and concerns over having a quorum to vote.
- ❖ Jenni Shelton moved to adopt the proposed changes, Anjanette Slack seconded. Voting was unanimous.

7. OTHER

- ❖ Kim Searle discussed to number of times sky alert was sent regarding dog gone night
- ❖ Jacinto Peterson thanked Sara Lee, Sam's Club, and Frito Lay for their donations. \$42 was spent on lemonade, etc.
- ❖ David Peck commented on the Zion's Bank program that supports students by giving them money for grades.
- ❖ 89% of our parents attended Student Led Conferences during the spring. Jacinto Peterson thanked parents for attending.
- ❖ Stacy Evans thanked the parents for serving on Community Council. Chandra Walker recognized Kim Searle who will be moving on next year.

8. MOTION TO DISMISS

- ❖ Chandra Walker motioned to dismiss. Anjanette Slack seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous.