

West Hills Middle
School Community Council
January 7, 2016

ATTENDING: Stacy Evans, Chandra Walker, Ellen Stemle, Rochelle Waite, Tammy Sarzalejo, Dave Pack, Caleb Olson, Jenni Shelton

WELCOME

- Motion was made by Chandra Walker to have Dave Pack step in as acting Chairperson for this Community Council meeting. Ellen Stemle seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous.
- Dave welcomed everyone to Community Council and thanked them for giving of their time.

MINUTES

- Due to a small number of voting members at the meeting, minutes from the last meeting will be sent out electronically for the approval.

STUDENT LEARNING AND GRADES

- Stacy Evans went over data from the last 3 years in regards to students receiving a 4.0, honor roll, etc.
- Tami Sarzalejo motioned to remove members of Community Council who miss two consecutive meetings. Jenni Shelton seconded. Voting was unanimous.

SAFE WALKING (SNAP) FOR 2016-17

- Discussion about safe walking routes.
 1. During winter months, timely and frequent removal of snow and ice on city sidewalks, specifically the east and west sides of Grizzly Way from New Bingham Highway to West Hills Middle School.
 2. Addition of a rapid rectangular flashing beacon to 4800 West in the vicinity of Dorilee Drive to improve safety of the current crossing at Dorilee Drive and 4800 West.
 3. Improvement of the east side of 5600 West by adding sidewalks south of the West Hills Middle School fields to New Bingham Highway.
- Map of safe walking routes is available under the parent tab of the school web page.
- Requests in the past have included:
 - Snow removal between WHMS and New Bingham Highway.
 - Crossing light on Dorilee
 - Improvement of sidewalks on the east side of 5600 West.
- Dave Pack was concerned about the crossing guards leaving the last 3 or 4 minutes before school starts. Students are still walking or being dropped off so there are no services to students and this may be hazardous
- Document was signed by Dave Pack (PTSA), Ellen Stemle & Tammy Sarzalejo

ACCREDITATION

- On March 9th & 10th
- Need parents from PTSA and Community Council to be interviewed.

POLICY CHANGE AA450 ADMISSION CHANGES

- Admission can be charged for performing arts events. Maximum to be charged is \$5. Encouraged to have “family passes”.
- Royalties may change if you charge admission.
- PTSA has indicated that they will not charge for the musical this year.
- No current plans to charge for dance, band & choir performances.

COUNSELING CENTER

- Counselors are working to reduce the number of failing grades among our 9th graders. Counselors meet individually with students who are failing one or more classes. Students set goals and generate ideas to bring up their failing grades. Some students are referred to Mr. Dipko for lunchtime tutoring.
- “No Holes in my Credit” for 9th graders who have passed all of their classes for first semester. This is still in the planning stages.

CONCERNS & SUGGESTIONS

- Stacy Evans expressed concerned over the number of School Community Council attending.
- Dave Pack suggested that we educate people on the importance of being a part of Community Council.
- Tammy Sarzalejo will send out e-mail reminder about the meetings
- Set up a Remind101 for parents to receive texts about the meetings
- Caleb Olson suggested that rotating times to different times during the day might get more people involved.
- Create a Google doc to get feedback regarding why parents aren’t attending meetings. Offer alternate times for the meeting

ADJOURNMENT

- Chandra Walker motioned to adjourn and Dave Pack seconded. Voting was unanimous.