

Community Council Minutes 11.13.17

Attending: Steve Hren, Heidi Wainer, Larry Velasquez, Janel Arbon, Margy Moreau, Kathy Williams

Minutes: Margy motioned to accept the minutes from September and October. Kathy seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

New SRO – The city police is now funding the School Resource Officer and our new officer is GCHS Alumni Larry Velasquez. Larry says his goal is to keep the kids safe, but will also be doing some disciplinary enforcement. He will also be teaching a class about law enforcement to exposed kids to what LE really about. He will work the entire district and possibly the charter school, but will be based in the HS. His office is by the wrestling room. Margy asked if they are going to start using drug dogs again - They are working it out with the county but will use dogs differently than they have in the past, because smaller searches are better for the dog. In addition, the school board is reconsidering the drug testing program for anyone participating in activities sanctioned by USHA. Janel said she likes the idea of revisiting the drug screening.

Community Survey Results – We scanned the results. Dr. Hren will email us them as well.

Shmoop ACT Prep – Heidi said she wished the school would require Juniors to attend Shmoop practice rather than just making it available. We discussed using incentive money to hold a drawing for a prize for kids who attend.

ACT test – Students will be taking the writing component for the junior ACT this year. Because this extends the test, other students will not come to school at all that day. Margy said it was good to have everyone do the writing. The school will try to administer the entire test on line. Heidi asked if they have enough computers – yes with the chrome books and computer labs.

Sage testing – The school will only be testing 9th and 10th graders. The English exams will no longer include writing.

Other:

- Breakfast for teachers at January parent teacher conference on January 26th – we will plan at our next meeting
- Matt has the Training DVD's
- Heidi nominated Steve Hazlett for a blue ribbon for his set building.
- Superintendent Stroder will attend our next meeting to discuss his plan for differentiating instruction. This plan will require returning to a 5 period day, but scheduling would be very different. The middle school and the high school would have to be on the same schedule. Janel asked about semester long content breaks. Heidi also does not like the breaks in and has concerns about teachers productively filling longer class periods.
- The school board has decided to build a new middle school.