

Community Council Meeting Minutes 10.8.18

Attending: Kathy Williams, Kathy Lacey, Heidi Wainer, Steve Hren, Janel Arbon, Kent Dalton

Minutes - Kathy W. motioned to accept the minutes from Sept 10th, Janel seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Reports: Instructional Coach – Dr. Hren is currently considering having a teacher act as a coach for one class period a day. This would mean community council would have to pay for a class period, about 9K – 15K depending on where she is on the pay scale. There is a teacher already working in the school, he is considering. This person would spend time in classrooms observing and coaching new teachers. This person would mostly likely be coaching 5/6 individuals.

Dr. Hren shared information about how teacher license laws are changing on the state level. Districts will be able to create a district specific license. There was discussion about current district teachers who are working on alternative licensure.

Parent meeting for math and English –Janel thought the meeting was very informative. She said there were many parents who spoke about their frustration over the lack of honors instruction. They complained that rather than honors instruction, students are just given extra work. The teachers admitted this. Kathy Williams said that without extra expectations, her son would not have done the extra work. All the parents agreed. Whereas with the motivation of an honors teacher, students step up and work harder. Janel says there has not been any encouragement for her son to do the extra honors track. Janel was said she had been concerned about the lack of direct instruction, but her son really liked the computer. Teachers have begun doing a day or two a week of direct instruction. Janel wished schools were sticking with the same standardized testing, so we could truly see how this program affected scores.

Mid-term grade comparisons – Dr. Hren discussed his analysis of the failing grades for this trimester. The number of failing grades has increased substantially. Heidi asked if this was because seniors don't need to take math. Kent asked if this could be because of the substantial increase in the number of students. The only group that reduced the number of failing grades was the current senior class. Steve thinks seniors mature and figure out how much they need to study. There were also substantial increases in failing grades for science.

The final SITLA report is due to the state next week.

Parent teacher conferences – Kathy Williams liked combining conferences with the job fair. Several parents said they could hear better. Kent said kids liked being outside, getting food and visiting the job fair as their parents waited in line. Heidi felt bad for the teachers sitting in the sun. She said next time she would be happy to bring her easy up, and other parents might as well if asked. Dr. Hren said attendance for conferences increased. Janel suggested they invite all the other businesses in town who want to recruit students for summer jobs.

Other – Janel said that this year the football team has had more discipline and higher expectations. She really appreciated seeing the crackdown on behavior. Many other parents have said the same thing. Kent said he tried to challenge the kids to wear shirts and ties on game day, he even bought a student a tie who did not have one, and that student felt like his behavior improved when he dressed better. Kathy Williams commented that you act the way you dress. Heidi suggested that we give Coach Wells and his coaching staff a blue ribbon for this shift in expectations.

Our next meeting is Nov 12th.