

# SCHOOL/COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, February 4, 2016 – 5:00pm

WHS Front Office Conference Room

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**Attending:** Angela Barton, Lynne Benham, Janet Cherrington, Natalie Clark, DJ Conger, Nicolette Fike, Wendy Ford, Ruth Gowans, Jared Huff, Caleb Miller, Kerrienne Sabey, Aprill Triggs, Gary Twitchell, Anglea Webb

**Absent:** Angela Duke, Trevor Schramm

Lynne Benham welcomed the group to the February meeting. The minutes from the January meeting were read and approved.

### 3 Lunch Update

- We have moved to 3 lunches!
- Other than the lunch staff being compressed for time, it is going extremely well.
- The custodial staff is happy with the change because hallways are closed to students eating in the hallways. Clean-up is easier and quicker.
- Those classes that have 2<sup>nd</sup> lunch, which is the split lunch, really don't mind their class being split.
- The 1<sup>st</sup> lunch numbers were heavier, and the 3 lunch numbers were extremely light. Therefore, a change was made with the visual art teachers to attend 3<sup>rd</sup> lunch rather than 1<sup>st</sup> lunch. This will give adequate seating to all 3 lunches.
- Students are able to get through the lines in 10 minutes or less.
- We would like to maintain this schedule next year. It has been proposed that the same departments have the same lunch.
- We will probably have to look at a 4-lunch schedule in 2 years.

### Remaining SCC Meeting Schedule

- This February meeting was our last scheduled meeting for this year.
- Additional meetings added:
  - Thursday, March 3, 2016 @ 5pm
  - Thursday, June 2, 2016 @ 10am

### 2016-17 Trustlands Budget

- Ideas include:
  - \$80,000 on Salaries and Benefits—This would be used to pay for 2 Aides in Eastshore and 3 student advocates/trackers. This also includes money to pay for substitutes while teachers attend meetings and conferences.
  - \$5,000 on Supplies—This includes ACT Test costs as well as AP prep help.
  - \$63,928 on Equipment—There would be a needs assessment done by the steering committee to prioritize equipment needs.
- Growth issues include:
  - Self-contained students will increase enough to warrant 2 full classrooms.
  - We will grow over 60 students in the mild/moderate area. This will allow us to grow 1 full teacher in Special Ed.
  - We have asked for a 16 room portable to be added on to the existing portable. We have also put a request in to help furnish the classrooms.
  - Based on the current 9<sup>th</sup> grade numbers at Vista Heights Middle School, Frontier Middle School and Lakeview Academy, we are looking to grow 415 students in the 2016-17 school year. This is

equivalent to hire 13 teachers. Alpine School District, based on their formula, has projected us to only grow 303 students. This is equivalent to hire 10 new teachers. Mr. Twitchell also explained that we would not be getting the additional 3 FTE (teachers) for class size reduction. Therefore, we will be hiring 7 teachers for 2016-17.

- We will hire more interns, since we can get 2 for the price of 1. We are looking for about 6 interns in the areas of art, English, math, social studies, and counseling.
- We are growing a full counselor, therefore we would like to hire our current intern as a full counselor and then hire a new intern. This will give us 8 counselors.
- The council addressed their concern with larger class sizes. They want to see class sizes smaller and less technology/equipment purchased.
- Mr. Twitchell explained the cap has been set at 26 maximum students in some math classes as well as English classes.
- There will also be a larger budget than what we are currently working with. This year, we received a 17% increase than what we had planned on last year. The council agreed to use any additional money on salaries and benefits and/or equipment.
- The council proposed the Truslands budget. There was a motion and it was seconded. So the approved Truslands budget for next year will be allocated to the following:
  - \$80,000 on Salaries and Benefits
  - \$5,000 on Supplies
  - \$63,928 on Equipment
  - Any additional or unused money would go toward salaries and benefits and/or equipment.
- The SIP is to maintain our graduation rate at 94% as well as increase SAGE scores and AP scores and enrollment.

### **Class Registration Update**

- This year's juniors are currently registering for next year's classes.
- It is going well—we still have several students with an incomplete schedule. The counselors will work through these as they have CCR's with each junior. CCR's start next week. Parents should have received a postcard in the mail with the day and time for when their appointment is.
- March 2<sup>nd</sup> begins our registration for current sophomores.
- As of right now, March 30<sup>th</sup> begins the registration for current freshmen. This date may have to change. A decision will be made within the next few weeks.

### **Items from Council Members**

- Could Alpine allow us to hire quicker? Nebo School District is already hiring.
- Kudos to our graduation rate last year! Hopefully we can keep it up!
- Changing logos with the change of coaches is a concern within our parent group.
- Parking will be enforced daily! There is a set time each day that tickets will be written. Students need to make sure they are parking in the designated student areas as well as have their permit visible. Next year, the driving range will be opened up for parking during the day.
- Is the back field space changing? No! 😊
- Is the new grading policy making a difference? The overall fail rate didn't increase and we are seeing students make up their grades in a more timely manner.
- Parents seem to be excited for Coach Wong and his positive manner to players and students.
- Student council supports the formal attire for seniors in the yearbook.

Meeting adjourned until the next meeting on Thursday, March 3, 2016 at 5pm in the front office conference room.