

COTTONWOOD HIGH SCHOOL
COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Date: November 5, 2009

Those in attendance:

Judy Liapis	Carolyn Bonnet	Diane Coburn
Stan Hanks	John Haglund	Anne Hawes
Phil Cannon	Dave Gatti	Terry Palmer
Dan Snarr	Kathryn Lyman	Garett Muse
Kayle Loertscher		

Items discussed:

Security Issues: There were rumors that a shooting was supposed to take place Friday, Oct 30th. The District Office, Murray City Police and Granite District Police were notified, which resulted in the presence of extra police officers at the school that day. There is always the question as to whether it is better to call extra enforcement or not. Having officers present tends to make the student body nervous, but this administration feels it is better to play it safe. There was also a “crack down” on gang attire at school that same day. We do not want any gang culture at Cottonwood High School. Our basic mission is to make this a school where students want to be.

Accreditation: The requirements for accreditation have changed. The unit of analysis now is student learning, before it was teacher performance. A team has been sent to training and will be sent again in December to help us be prepared for accreditation. Frequent and consistent assessment is being done in order to collect the data necessary. Mission and vision statements are also being written. Professional Learning Communities are being formed to help raise the bar for all instruction at the school and to guarantee the same curriculum for students regardless of which teacher they have in the subject.

Responsibilities: One responsibility of the community council is to take the data that is collected from the faculty, the students and the parents and meld them into solutions that are for the best of everyone.

Faculty Projects: These projects, which use school funds, were previously approved. Some projects have begun while others will begin later on in the year. These include classes for seniors who have not passed the UBSCT, classes to help students in the Special Education Dept, credit retrieval projects and others. Discussion about how to fund the UBSCT classes was discussed.

Community Council Elections: Positions were reviewed. There will be openings for 2 parent positions next year. Election sign-up will be sent out with the PTA newsletter this month in preparation for the spring election.

Trust Lands Presentation: The District requires a mid-year presentation of how we have allocated the Trust Lands Funds, our goals for the year and the progress made toward those goals.

Items voted on: Funding for UBSCT classes for Seniors who have not passed one or more sections was passed by unanimous vote.

Assignments made: John Haglund was asked to prepare the mid-year report for the School District Board in February.

Next meeting: Dec 3, 2009