

**Community Council Meeting Minutes**  
**October 20, 2008**

In Attendance:

- Principal: John Welburn
- Vice-Principal: Stephen Perschon
- School Employees: Jerry Schaffer, Warren Child
- Parents/Guardians: Trish Hull, Sandy Lancaster, Greg Henson, Kim Thompson

Absent:

- School Employees: Craig Sudbury, Ember Storrs
- Parents/Guardians: Leah Wright, Liz Huber

I. Video Presentation

- a. The Council viewed a video that provided an overview of the Trustland program. Trustlands were granted by the Federal Government to states in 1894. These lands were to be managed in such a way that profits from the land would benefit public schools. The lands were commonly mismanaged until 1994, but now have protective oversight and associated accountability.
- b. The video emphasized the value of an active and informed Community Council and encouraged parents and teachers to communicate the value of the Trustlands to elected officials.
- c. Mr. Welburn demonstrated the information that is available at [www.schoollandtrust.org](http://www.schoollandtrust.org), including how much money has been received and spent.
- d. Cyprus HS estimated funding from Trustland monies for 2008-2009 is \$77,048.
- e. Quality Teaching/Student Achievement (QTSA) funds are a separate source of school funding, allocated in the state budget. It is based on student enrollment. Cyprus HS estimated funding from QTSA monies for 2008-2009 is \$40-50,000. The Council will be given an overview of this budget at the next meeting.

II. Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP)

- a. Mr. Welburn provided an overview of the AYP process and the 2008 AYP report for Cyprus High School.
  - i. The AYP consists of 40 subgroups in Language Arts and Mathematics; in order to make AYP, each subgroup must be met.
  - ii. AYP criteria is set by the Federal Government and the standard is increased frequently.
  - iii. Cyprus did not meet AYP in the Hispanic, Economically Disadvantaged, and Limited English Proficient groups in Language Arts, and in the Hispanic and Limited English Proficient groups in Mathematics.
  - iv. When a school fails to meet AYP, parents have a right to request a transfer to a different school. Cyprus HS has no financial consequence.
  - v. AYP is determined by CRT scores, which are administered in April and May of each year.
  - vi. In 2009, all testing is to be done on computers. A mock test will be conducted in January. Limited equipment and testing space pose obstacles to Cyprus.
  - vii. CRT testing does not directly impact students. It has no bearing on grades or higher education opportunities. Consequently, student investment is sometimes a factor in the outcome. Parents and teachers can assist in better results by emphasizing that the students do their best on this test.
- b. Mr. Schaffer reported on the 2008 Algebra and Geometry CRT scores, showing a 14% improvement from 2007 in Algebra and a 5% improvement from 2007 in Geometry. He feels the double-blocked Algebra strategy used last year contributed to the significant improvement in Algebra and hopes the implementation of double-blocked Geometry strategy will show the same trend in Geometry.

III. School Student Achievement Plan (SSAP) Progress

- a. Cyprus HS SSAP has been approved by the District, has been submitted to the state and is pending approval.
- b. The school is in week three of the second year of the after-school tutoring program. In the first two-weeks, administration met with over 400 students to remind them that the tutoring program is mandatory.
- c. The Adopt-a-Sophomore program is underway. The teachers are currently trying to establish a rapport with their assigned students. Some tweaking to the program is still occurring.

IV. Other:

- a. Mr. Welburn reported that they are implementing a standard that will require 9<sup>th</sup> graders to pass English and Geography before they can enroll in Driver's Education.
- b. He also said they are looking at a program for credit recovery during the school schedule.

Next meeting: November 17 2:30 in the Media Center