

**Cyprus High
Community Council
Oct. 8, 2007**

Present:

John Welburn
Warren Child
Liz Huber
Craig Sudbury

Jerry Schaffer
Richard Gonzales
Ember Storrs

Minutes

Read and approved last month's minutes.

John went over the school's results of AYP and UPASS. Let the council know where the school failed on each. Explained there were lots of reasons. This is the reason behind the Tutoring Program.

John explained the Tutoring Program. The Administration is concerned about graduation rates and students not staying current with their work or getting caught up with missing work. The Tutoring Program is way for students to get the extra help needed from their teacher.

Tutoring is mandatory for all students who failed at midterm. The tutoring will be done with their teacher in the subjects of English, math, science, and social studies. Tutoring days for these subjects run consecutively Monday through Thursday. Friday is used for elective classes.

Attendance to tutoring is mandatory. Failure to attend results in a warning for the first time, and overnight suspensions after that. Overnight suspension means the students must come the school the next day with a parent to meet with administration.

Discussion of the Tutoring Program:

Richard-recognizes that this will aide Soph. and Jr. to stay on track

John-sets up a mentoring program and a system for those that can be helped.

Warren-we need to document, keep data and would like to compare midterm/ final grades.

Ember-Tom & Doris can report to the council of Fs at midterm and Fs at end of term

General discussion on how this will keep athletes eligible.

Richard- wants to talk to Brockbank about starting tutoring for the 9th graders so that there consistency between the two schools.

The school applied for a grant to fund the program. The grant was for \$25,000. It is estimated to cost about \$16,000 to \$17,000 to run the program. Right now the district is giving us the money until the grant comes through. John has petitioned the district for more FTE due to increase in

enrollment. He is asking the council to pay for tutoring from Trust-Land Funds and pay for the lab classes with the extra FTE. If we receive the grant, then we can adjust the funding back. A vote was taken on using Trust-Land money to pay for tutoring and FTE for math lab classes with stipulation that if the school receives the grant Trust-Land goes back to lab classes. The vote passed unanimously.

Kathy Roach addressed the council on the Literacy Program. Last year's program focused on Before, during, and after reading strategies. This year's focus is on collaboration, metacognition (thinking about thinking), and motivation.

The literacy committee is mixed teachers but mostly English teachers. They develop the activities that are taught to the teachers at the school. Teachers meet in their groups on "late-start-Wednesday". Meetings are mandatory for the teachers but participating in the literacy program is optional. Teachers do receive a stipend for participating and submitting classroom examples.

John would like to discuss at a later meeting about the school's graduation rate. He indicted that we lose a lot of students to Central High and Granite Peaks. Last year, we had 260 graduates with a starting sophomore class of 530. The question---How do we get these students to graduate?

Meeting was adjourned.