

**Cyprus High
Community Council
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Present:

John Welburn
Warren Child
Liz Huber
Craig Sudbury
Steve Perschon

Jerry Schaffer
Richard Gonzales
Ember Storrs
Liz Huber

Minutes

Read and approved last month's minutes.

Tom and Doris addressed the council about the tutoring program. Tutoring focused on the students that attend class but are failing. By the end of the term, there were 531 fewer "Fs" than at midterm. This worked out to be 260 fewer students with "Fs" at the end of the term.

Each week, the students that did not attend tutoring were called down to the office and asked why they did not attend. Some were given 24hr suspensions. This requires administration to visit with parents the next morning to re-admit the student to class. 288 students were visited on the 1st week, 140 students on the 2nd week, and 109 students on the 3rd week. The students were beginning to understand that it was important to attend their tutoring session. 537 of the 956 tutoring spots were missed by students during the 4 week tutoring period.

Ember asked if there were any teachers that did not wish to participate in the after school tutoring. Tom indicated that all teachers are participating. Ember also asked what was the hardest part for Doris. Tracking down the students to talk to administration was the hardest part.

A question was asked about the non-attending students. If students have a truancy problem, their name is given to the student attendance review team. This team tries to contact the student to find out why they are missing school. The goal is to get these students attending again on a regular basis. As a last resort, they also will find a program that will work for the individual student (Central, Job Corp, etc)

Liz McKnight and Sean Nielson addressed the council on the 2 period blocking of Algebra students. Seeing the students everyday is having a positive influence on the algebra students. The Algebra teachers saw a 40 % increase in score of the 1st term final over last year's scores. The Special Ed. is seeing students wanting to attend class. The students are feeling success that they haven't experienced before.

The double block is allowing more time to review basic concept as well as get the student prepared for the UBSCT. Many of the students are 10th graders and will be taking the test in Feb. Some of the advanced students in the double block classes were asked to move the Algebra class taught by Kellie Chamberlain. Her class is on the traditional schedule. None of the students wished to move.