

**Cyprus High
Community Council
Dec. 10, 2007**

Present:

John Welburn

Richard Gonzales

Craig Sudbury

Jerry Schaffer

Liz Huber

Trish Hull

Warren Child

Ember Storrs

Steve Perschon

Minutes

Read and approved last month's minutes.

A new hat policy was addressed. The Governance and Management Committee wanted a policy on hats addressed by the faculty. At December's faculty meeting, a vote was taken for implementing a new hat policy. A majority of the faculty voted for "no hats", some were indifferent to the idea, and a few teachers wanted the policy to stay the way it is now.

John wanted the issue brought to Community Council.

John gave the council history and demographics of Magna. We have our athletes that sport the school colors, we have the cowboys with their cowboy hats or hunting ball-caps, we have the "skaters", and we have the "wanna-be" gang members that show gang colors.

John let us know that all junior highs in the district ban hats, so it should not be a hard adjustment for students. High schools can make their own decision on hat policy. John's question is when do we implement this new policy? At the semester, or wait for the new year? Also, how do we implement this? How do we advertise?

Trish asked if we have seen problems with hats. Lately, the "wanna-be" are wearing gang colors. But that is addressed in the dress code

Hat policy would be easier to enforce than other dress code policies.

John can make the decision for the school, but felt he would like some community input. He can see the issue from both sides. He asked how the members of the council feel about the issue.

Richard: Doesn't feel the need for students to wear hats

Warren: Feels it is much to do about nothing

Jerry: Doesn't see hats as being a concern

Trish: Only wants to fight the big battles, and this is not one of those.

Liz: Doesn't see a need for hats in the building

John let the council know that the schools security team would like to see a ban on hats. It is much easier for them to identify students in the hall or on camera.

Liz wanted to know about the "no-showing" of Cyprus' basketball game on Comcast. Apparently the language from the home crowd was so offensive that it could not be edited enough to show on air. The language was coming from both parents and student body.

John went over the policy for this type of behavior at games. Attendees are given a warning first, then they are removed for two game, and then finally they are suspended for the year.