

**Cyprus High
Community Council
Sep. 17, 2007**

Present:

John Welburn
Warren Child
Liz Huber
Craig Sudbury
Gayleen Gandy

Jerry Schaffer
Richard Gonzales
Ember Storrs
Leah Wright

Excused:

Wendy Stoddard

Minutes

Introductions of current and new board members were made. Jerry Schaffer was introduced as the new chair for the council and Wendy Stoddard as co-chair. Liz Huber agreed to send reminder emails to members 1 week before next meeting.

Gayleen Gandy, the Granite School Board member from our area addressed the council. The school board is really making an effort to reach out to area network schools. They would like the local communities to know that the board is available to listen to their concerns.

Cyprus Network's training meeting date had passed. But, there are three dates available for community council training. The dates are 9/17 at Granger High, 9/18 at Hunter High, or 9/19 at the district office. All new members to the council should really attend.

John went over the different moneys that the council is responsible for. QTSA money is for our literacy program. Kathy Roach is in charge of that. We will invite her at a later meeting to give us an update on that program. School Trustland Money is being used for the math labs. We continued the math labs for geometry and algebra 2. The Algebra classes went on a double blocked period.

Jerry explained the double block to the council. 4 of the 5 algebra classes are double blocked, meaning the students see their algebra teacher the same period each day. Jerry shared with the council the "feel" of the new algebra classes so far.

Pros: Students are saying they finally get it

More time for understanding

No homework. Everything is started and finished in class

The students are remembering it better

The teachers have time to get the students organized(notebooks)

1st day is the lesson. 2nd day is to reinforce with manipulatives or some hands-on activity

One teacher's response, "I love it"

Cons: There are some scheduling problems that still need to be addresses
(not in the same block or mixed teacher for class and lab)
The students “burn out” faster. A lot of math everyday
No break from disruptive students

John updated us on the UBSCT testing. The test is in October for juniors and seniors who have not passed all or part of the test. There is a UBSCT math class taught by Heather Taylor for 1st semester and then another will be offered 2nd semester. After school tutoring will be starting up shortly for English and math.

John informed the council on the PLC (Professional Learning Committee) formally the ULC(Urban Learning Committee). There are 5 Committees (Teaching & Learning, Academies, Great Beginnings, Governance & Management, and Climate). All teachers are assigned to a committee, which meet on the late start Wednesdays.

The district has sent to the schools a DVD, *A Matter of Trust*, which needs to be shown to the board. The video explains the SSAP that the board is responsible for in the spring. We will reserve a meeting date to view the video.

Other:

Richard Gonzales would like to see more interaction between the feeder jr. highs and Cyprus. He would like for the younger students to know before hand expectations of high school and what they can do now to be ready.

The AVID program was mentioned. Some teachers associated with AVID would like to see it reach down to the jr. highs. This would mean more honors classes offered at those schools. The same discussion is true for our academies. More communication is needed with the jr. highs about AVID and the academies. We decided to reserve a later meeting date for the AVID program.

We discussed the need for taking minutes and having them available to our community. Warren offered posting them on the school’s website. A summary of the minutes was suggested for the newsletter as well. Leah Wright volunteered to take the meeting’s minutes. (We have since discovered that this is the co-chair’s responsibility.) Jerry will prepare the minutes for this meeting.

Our meetings will be held on the 2nd school Monday of each month

The meeting was adjourned.