

Community Council

September 28, 2009

In Attendance:

- Diana Pennington, Secretary
- Karen Chatterton, Intern Principal – leave 4:00 p.m.
- Noemi Hernandez, Parent – leave 4:40 p.m.
- Matt Goebel, Teacher Chair
- Bobi Taylor, Parent – leave 4:30 p.m.
- Dave Albertsen, Teacher
- Krista Gallagher, Parent Vice-Chair – leave 4:30 p.m.
- Marijean Woolf, Principal
- Jared Reynold, Assistant Principal – leave 3:55 p.m.
- Emily Pope, Parent – arrive 3:55 p.m.
- Todd Crowther, Parent – arrive 4:20 p.m.

Begin: 3:35 p.m.

After School Programs

- Noemi Hernandez talked about after school programs that will be beginning at Copperhills Elementary and that she is working on having them at Kearns High School. Marijean Woolf will talk to Charlene Liu at Ed Equity.

Welcome

- Matt Goebel went through the packet that was distributed and talked about the training that occurs tomorrow as well as other trainings.

Meeting Notes

- Read by Diana Pennington

Elections for this year's Chair/Vice Chair

- Matt Goebel proposed elections for this year's positions and it was decided to postpone the election until later in the meeting so that more members are present.

Community Council Meeting Time

- Bobi Taylor talked about Tuesdays being a hard time for her to meet and may have to permanently excuse herself if it cannot be changed. It was decided to have meetings on Mondays at 3:30 p.m.

Safe Walk Route

- Dave showed an online route from the UDOT website. Problems arise in printing it to send home for parents. He is working out printing details. Dave is the administrator of the site and is the only one who can log in to see the map and make changes. Dave would like to clean up the map and have it viewable with computer-aided graphics rather than drawing them on, like the map we sent out in registration packets.
- Marijean talked about the drop off zones in the newsletter. Drop off zone holds all the traffic except at peak times; right before school begins and right before school lets out.

L.A.N.D. Trust / Q.T.S.A. Money usage & School Information

- Marijean asked everyone to turn to page 4 of newsletter for a summary of the projects that were completed last year.
- Math did not pass A.Y.P. this year (two sub-groups).
 - We have new math teachers this year.
 - Two regular education teachers and one special education teacher are attending the Math Academy Initiative training.
 - Teachers go once a month and bring back strategies.
 - Mr. Reynolds will be working with the math department to do benchmark testing.
- Language arts did not pass A.Y.P. two years ago (SPED)
- Language Arts passed this year due largely to Paws to Read (goal of 10,000 books), Book of the Month (L.A.N.D. Trust money purchased), and Matheson Vocabulary Power (M.V.P.).
 - Kevin Feldman taught strategies for vocabulary acquisition to our staff two years ago. This year, due to budget cuts, only two teachers went to a Kevin Feldman training program, and will teach the faculty what they learned. This is the second year of M.V.P. implementation. Kids are coming into 7th grade reading two years below their grade level.
- Three S.S.A.P. goals – Academic Improvement, Community Involvement, and School Culture

- This is Matheson's third year of not making AYP – Bobi asked if there are sanctions from the Federal Government.
 - A student can ask the District to bus them to a school that is passing AYP.
 - The District says only 2-3 students have ever asked.
- New project the year: Collegial Collaboration
 - Teachers are assigned one week to observe another teacher and productively collaborate and gain skills
- Matheson has over 200 new students and one intern less (2nd trimester).
- Matheson has a stack of special permits that have been put on hold.
- Honors classes in all core areas as well as advanced classes for Jazz Band, Orchestra, Advanced Art, Choir, and Gateway to Technology.
- Matheson was chosen by the state PTSA, plaque and assembly with Ms. Utah, in Connections Newsletter. Many good things happening. Stay with plan and move forward with academics.
- Science will be looked at next.
 - Teachers are highly qualified.
 - A couple working on ARL.
- Matheson has 26 students on medical plans. Cescilee Rall, school nurse, helping with all the plans.
- SPED dept has more students than ever before; 160 SPED students this year; last year 130 students. More students in the self-contained unit.
 - Each teacher will be receiving a Response to Intervention (R.T.I.) binder. The SPED students are sorted by period with their personal information and accommodations. Binders should be ready within the week.
- County Youth Service will come once a week.
- Bobi asks that the visible programs to continue such as Class Act. She likes the programs that are showing an increase of student learning.
- L.A.N.D. Trust project proposal packets.
- Project Proposals for 2009-2010
 - Paws to Read
 - Book of the Month
 - Homework Study (Media Center 3-4 p.m.)
 - Open Computer Lab (Media Center 3-4 p.m.)
 - Class Act
 - Bobi says Bryce said that food is "okay if you use under school incentives."
 - Reality Town
 - E.L.L.
 - Literacy Lab
 - Science Fair
 - Community of Caring
 - Funding is not available through the District this year.
 - Tiger Progress Award
 - Bobi suggested that this award be part of the Community of Caring

Voting

- Krista nominated Noemi Hernandez for Chair position for 2009-2010
 - Vote was unanimous
- Noemi nominated Matt Goebel for Vice Chair position for 2009-2010
 - Vote was unanimous

Bond Issue video

L.A.N.D. Trust video

Adjourn: 4:45 p.m.