

## **Community Council October 26, 2009**

### **In Attendance:**

- Bobi Taylor, Parent, leave 4:20 p.m.
- Tracy Atkinson, Parent, PTSA Guest
- Diana Pennington, Secretary
- Noemi Hernandez, Parent Chair
- Marijean Woolf, Principal
- Matt Goebel, Teacher, arrive 4:12 p.m.
- Todd Crowther, Parent, arrive 4:12 p.m.

### **Begin: 3:35 p.m.**

### **Welcome**

- Noemi Hernandez, Chair, thanked everyone for coming.

### **Meeting Notes**

- Read by Diana Pennington

### **Bond Issue**

- Bobi Taylor asked if parents/patrons were calling the school with any issues regarding the bond.
- Diana Pennington stated that district emails have been sent to as guides for the secretaries, but that she has not received any phone calls.
- Marijean stated that the Cyprus meeting regarding the bond was the best attended meeting, as stated by the board. She said the community asked many questions and that it seemed to be a positive meeting.
- Noemi stated that parents understand to vote for the bond when their school is run down, but have a harder time understanding why they should vote when they have a newer school.
- Marijean stated that Matheson has supported the district by putting information about the bond open houses in the newsletter as well as sending home a half-page notice for Matheson parents to attend the bond meeting at Cyprus.

### **Pictures for Showcase**

- Each member needs to bring a 2x3 picture for the showcase. Noemi will get one from her school packet and Bobi will bring a picture.

### **Eastman Adams photography**

- Eastman Adams Photography approached Matheson to use them for school pictures (next year) to be used in the school yearbook. Marijean told them she would talk to the Community Council.
- Community Council members are happy with the pictures that Lifetouch has provided and are pleased with the yearbook outlay. Comments indicated a cleaner, more professional yearbook and they liked that there was more color in it.
- A decision was made to stay with things how they are.

### **Cyprus High School Parade**

- Matheson participated in the parade for the first time this year. It was a positive experience.
- Marijean commented that she and Jared drove the opposite way and were able to wave to Matheson parents along the route.
- Bobi mentioned that it was good to have some space between the Brockbank and Matheson groups because of the rivalry and she also mentioned that her daughter wants to be in the parade next year and so she is going to get involved in a group so that she can.

### **LAND Trust Projects**

- Marijean talked about the projects that were already approved; Book of the Month, Paws to Read, Literacy Lab, and Class Act (Student Data Reports) and how these projects are an extension of the SSAP.
- New this year is Collegial Collaboration with teachers. This is a program where teachers observe each other and work together. To help with this, Marijean asks that LAND Trust money be used to purchase a workbook for the teachers that can be used this year and next year. The book is \$19.95. The book focuses on competency for kids and data driven teaching. The teachers have already reconstructed their Professional Learning Communities and the book will add on to what the teachers are already working on. The teachers will use the book collectively and individually with Administration while reviewing sections of the book at Professional Development meetings.
- Ms. Hyde and Ms. Doyle attended a grant writing workshop. They will teach the faculty members how to write grants to bring more money into the school for programs since there have been so many budget cuts. Marijean is hoping that LAND Trust money could pay for this opportunity.
- Diana Pennington's project was approved last meeting and just needs the Community Council to sign the paperwork so that it can be forwarded to payroll. Noemi Hernandez signed.
- The Tiger Progress award should be the same amount of money each year. Perhaps LAND Trust money could be used. PTSA has already put money aside for this year's awards.
- Youth Services wants to send one person out each week to do an enhancement class.

### **School Info**

- Overall, students are doing remarkable.
- Tardy tickets are being issued rather than ASD's. Kids are hurrying to class.
- Attendance is being reinforced again this year by the Attendance Tracker and the Counselors. Students got out of class 5 minutes early last Friday and received a free assignment pass. (Otterpops could not be found at Costco, although Bobi Taylor said she has seen them at Sam' Club.) 527 students qualified – no absences of any kind and no tardies for one full week.
- Advisory class is doing extremely well. Drop everything and read. Classrooms are quiet and it stabilizes the beginning of school.
- Teachers have MVP shirts and wear them on Fridays to promote literacy. All teachers are getting involved.
- Bobi Taylor's daughter liked getting out 5 minutes early.
- Tracy Atkinson's daughter does not like the baked fries.

**Matt and Todd arrive at 4:12 p.m.**

**Voting**

- Vote on book purchase for teachers
  - Noemi Hernandez asked all in favor of purchase
    - Unanimous vote yes
- Vote on paying for the Grant Writing Workshop
  - Noemi Hernandez asked all in favor of paying
    - Unanimous vote yes
- Vote on paying 2 periods of Math out of LAND Trust rather than FTE
  - Noemi Hernandez asked all in favor of using LAND Trust
    - Unanimous vote yes
- Vote on previous ten day allotted for Professional Leave to be increased to twenty days
  - Noemi Hernandez asked all in favor of increase
    - Unanimous vote yes

**Bobi leave 4:20 p.m.**

**Tiger Progress Award**

- Todd will still donate \$90 for two kids each grade. If anyone wants to contribute to the award they should contact the PTSA.
- Todd will still present the award at the end of the year Awards Night.
- Marijean suggested that the entire Community Council be present at Awards Night so that the kids can see the support from the community.
- It was suggested that money also come from LAND Trust towards the awards.

**Upcoming Events**

- PTSA Reflections/Talent Assembly is next week. The students will find out if they won and move on at this assembly.

**Concerns**

- Todd has seen two people hitchhiking in the last couple of weeks and today he saw a student with a group of friends with his thumb up.
- Marijean will address this issue with students if she feels necessary.

**Adjourn: 4:30 p.m.**