

Community Council Meeting Minutes

October 24, 2008

Start Time – 3:00 P.M., West Lake Jr. High Media Center

In attendance: Danny Chesnut, Shuree Chesnut, Diane Eaton, Ken Hopkins, David Rettie, Chad Rhinehart, Winanne Brady

1. Welcome and Introductions

- Minutes accepted

2. Update of Council roster

- Winanne Brady did not receive September minutes via e-mail
Confirmed e-mail address & will be added to the e-mail group
- Chair & Vice-Chair listed incorrectly on roster
Corrections made: Danny Chesnut, Chair; Ken Hopkins, Vice-Chair

3. Update on staffing and budgets

- October 1st funding was approved based on enrollment
 - Projected enrollment was 1120 students
 - Final count was 1054 students
- FTE decreased by 2 ¼ teachers
 - Rachel Baggett, a language arts teacher, was surplus to Kennedy Jr. High
 - Highly Impacted funds, as well as going into deficit next year, were accessed to keep 1 ¼ teachers

4. Review of requests

- \$5,000 request was tabled because the paperwork was not at the meeting
- 1 change--\$60,000 approved to cover aides: 1 aide moved to an elementary school which saved WLJH \$8,000
- Janae Anderson had a new request for \$1,000 for the Teaching and Learning Committee to allocate for professional development
 - Ken Hopkins motioned to reconsider request for \$2,000
 - Danny Chesnut brought up the concern that Community Council is ultimately responsible for the funds spent
 - Dave Rettie mentioned that he is the one who gives final approval to the Teaching and Learning Committee to allocate funds to individual teachers for professional development, and has sometimes not approved applications in the past
 - Decided that the Teaching and Learning Committee will follow the same procedure this year by screening the applications then turning them into Dave for final approval, but that the teachers who use the funds must present to Community Council how the money was spent and what was gained from the experience

5. Standardized Dress Code meeting

- Family Center parent volunteers had questions about school uniforms
- Meeting will be held Tuesday, October 28, at 5:00 P.M. in the auditorium
 - Dave Rettie reviewed the district policy, and an open house will be held to discuss questions and determine interest, during which he will remain neutral and answer questions according to district policy
 - Flyers were sent home and the calling tree was used to notify parents

- A formal parent petition with 20% of parents signing must be submitted in order to consider changing the dress code policy, and more than 50% of parents voting must approve before the change is made—the policy is then revisited every 3 years
 - Choices to consider:
 - Uniforms are uniform! The school must provide them if students cannot afford them
 - Standardized dress code: Certain color tops, specific types and colors of bottoms, no writing or patterns on tops—clothing may be any style, but certain colors
 - Opt-out policy in the past for jeans
 - Principal makes final decision on exemption based on extenuated circumstances
6. School Student Achievement Plan Update
- Turned in by June (deadline for Title I schools)
 - Plan accepted with some editing changes
 - Must also submit abstract
 - Plan can be viewed online
7. Trustlands Update
- No update
8. AYP Update
- We made it!!
 - AYP is tied to funds because we are a Title I school
9. T-Mobile Request
- Would like to put a cell tower on WLJH—Will stand 10 feet above the roof
 - Concerns:
 - District wants to know the location of the antennas—radiation badge required
 - WLJH concerned about anchor to ceiling—sometimes custodians have to go up there
 - Dave proposed the equipment be placed in the courtyard
 - District must give approval
 - District will be paid \$500 for energy, power, etc.
 - Dave requested a donation of \$30,000 for air conditioning in C-Hall—district will pay for upkeep
 - Alternative request is a lighted marquis for the side of the building (\$15,000)
 - Nothing approved or verified yet
10. Meeting adjourned at 3:46 P.M.
--Next meeting will be held on November 21, 2008, at 3:00 P.M. in the WLJH Media Center