

Community Council Meeting Minutes

October 11, 2016

Attending:

Angie Staheli, Brent Brinley, Kaleen Talley, Tania Duffin, Paul Hurt, Warren Brooks, Marcus Matua, Jaime Kreyling

Housekeeping:

District Training available has been emailed to all Community Council Members. Members are required to view the video online.

School website with Community Council members contact information to be updated by Jaime Kreyling.

Voting:

Angie Staheli was nominated and voted in as Chair (Tania motioned, Kaleen seconded, voting unanimous)

Brent Brinley was nominated and voted in as Vice Chair (Kaleen motioned, Tania seconded, voting unanimous)

Tania Duffin was nominated and voted in as Secretary (Brent motioned, Kaleen seconded, voting unanimous)

Business:

Final report of last year's expenditures.

Projected that this year's SITLA budget be approximately \$70,000.

Discussion that the main need is for additional Chrome Books and charging stations as well as some of the things we've paid for in the past—Dave Ramsey literature, reading teacher, accompanist, etc. Core Departments needs have been met the last couple of years (dictionaries, calculators, science equipment, etc.)

Discussion and request for more information from Paul Hurt regarding an Intervention Supervisor position that we could consider paying for—they'd work 17.5 hours per week at a cost of \$7,500.

Presented the Digital Safety and Citizenship for our school:

--Noted that it is pretty much the same as last year. District has main control.

--Teachers have access to submit a request to District for educational websites to be accessed.

Presentation on Schoology from Math Department Head:

--District purchased access to Schoology and its directly linked to PowerSchool

--Math teachers have found and Mr. Brooks confirmed that there is more time with students because teachers are spending less class time grading and can walk around and help students or see which students are needing extra help.

--Teachers like that they have immediate results on where students are struggling.

--Students are allowed multiple attempts. Quizzes they can re-take but must get 80% on all quizzes before they re-take the unit test.

--Each section the teachers have a link to videos to explain how to do the work. They're finding that students are using these videos.

--Discussion about students who do not have home access to computers, don't have a smart phone, or don't have a math lab. Students should be able to print all the worksheets—teachers can. He was checking to verify that. If not, teachers can always print them off ahead of time if they know a student will need them.

--One challenge is making sure the advanced students are being challenged (ALEKS was better at that) but a lot of advanced students have additional honors classes so if they're getting an A they're satisfied. So the Department is working to be creative to challenge these students as well.

--Needs that Community Council could help with? More Chrome Books.

Meeting adjourned

Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 15th 11:30 am

Community Council Meeting Minutes

November 15, 2016

Attending:

Angie Staheli, Brent Brinley, Kaleen Talley, Andrea Schmutz, Tania Duffin, Paul Hurt, Marcus Matua, Jaime Kreyling, Tiffany Lund (visitor)

Housekeeping:

Motion to approve the minutes from Oct 11, 2016 meeting Paul Hurt, seconded Brent Brinley. Stand approved.

Business:

One suggestion to the Community Council was to consider funding an Intervention Coordinator who would be over a new mentoring program at our school. Tiffany Lund who acts in that position at Desert Hills was invited to present exactly what she does to the Council and she answered questions. A summary:

Intervention Specialist works 17.5 hours per week. 9:30-1:30 most days. At a cost of \$7500.00 using Trust Lands Funds. This person oversees the mentoring program which utilizes 16 adult employees in the school—media aides, office secretaries, counseling office secretaries, etc.—who are assigned one or two students to mentor. These students are selected by reviewing the last quarters grades and any student who failed 2 or more core classes (LA, Math, Science) who do not have an IEP are considered for the mentoring program. The Principal, Counselors, and Vice-Principals can also recommend students who may have unique circumstances for the program (long term illness or death of a parent for example.) At Desert Hills they take the 32 most in need of intervention to be in the mentoring program.

The 32 students typically stay on the list (she's created a spreadsheet to track them) until they have stabilized and don't need the mentoring anymore (although the mentors often still touch base with them-just not as frequently). Over the 4 years they've been doing the program 12 students have "dropped out" of the program—6 moved to Millcreek High School and the other 6 moved away or dropped out to school or some other circumstance.

Mentors are required to meet with the student at least once a week (at Desert Hills its typically in "Home Room" but mentors especially try to avoid meeting during a core class.) These Mentors review Power School with the student and see what help the student needs. Help for students could be as simple as helping the student approach a teacher for help, contacting a teacher themselves, or explaining and helping get supplies for a poster. The Intervention Specialist meets with all the mentors on Friday to review each student and record what help was provided and what is needed. Some mentors were hesitant to take on additional work responsibilities but most have found it meaningful.

The Intervention Specialist considers herself the "mom" of the school and has been given a budget of \$300 per year from the Principle's budget for snacks etc. that these students sometimes need. She's supplied with a small office and computer at the school.

If we do choose to pursue the mentoring program and hire an intervention specialist Tiffany Lund offered to allow that person to shadow her and would share all her spreadsheet formats and whatnot with that person.

Discussion after Tiffany left:

--Requested that Paul find out how many students at SCHS have failed 2 or more core classes the first quarter of this school year.

--Council members were very interested in the program.

--Some concern about how to find the right person for the job since Tiffany obviously was very passionate about the program because she was a mentor for a year and had a great experience and so she's very committed to the program being a success.

--For SCHS we assume the cost would be more like \$8500.00

Meeting adjourned

Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 11, 2017

Community Council Meeting Minutes

January 11, 2017

Attending: Angie Staheli, Brent Brindley, Kaleen Talley, Tania Duffin, Paul Hurt, Warren Brooks, Conley Gali, Jaime Kreyling, Andrea Schmutz, and Yadi Call

Housekeeping:

Andrea Schmutz motioned to approve the minutes and Kaleen Talley seconded the motion.

Discussion:

Continued discussion and analysis of the request for funds.

Anticipate SITLA funds of approximately \$93,900

Decided to support funding the Intervention Specialist. Discussed possible names of people to consider for the job—any names should be forwarded to Paul Hurt. Job will be posted in May, plan to hire in May, and allow them to shadow Desert Hills Intervention Specialist in May so they'll be ready to jump in at the beginning of 2017-18 school year.

Decided to give an incentive fund to the Intervention Specialist of \$1200.00

Cost of things we plan to fund:

\$8000 Intervention Specialist
\$1200 Incentives for students
\$5900 Dave Ramsey literature for Financial Management class
\$3500 Accompanist for Music Classes
\$3000 Flex reading
\$3260 Reading teacher for 1 period per semester

\$24,860

We would use remaining funds to purchase hopefully 3-4 additional Chromebook Set of 48 with Cart (approximately \$16,000 per cart). Any remaining funds would be used to replace individual Chrome books which are broken.

Assignments—Questions to be answered by school staff before or at the next meeting:

Paul Hurt was going to ask SITLA representatives for a closer estimate on our SITLA funds.

Jaime Kreyling was going to confirm he current price of the Chrome Books with cart.

Paul Hurt & Warren Brooks were going to check if there were any additional needs for us to consider before we cast a final vote on the funding we're planning on as outlined above.

Meeting adjourned

Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 15th 11:30 a.m.

Community Council Meeting Minutes

February 15, 2017

Attending: Angie Staheli, Brent Brindley, Kaleen Talley, Tania Duffin, Paul Hurt, Warren Brooks, Conley Gali, Jaime Kreyling, Andrea Schmutz, and Yadi Call

Housekeeping:

Brent Brindley motioned to approve the minutes and Yadi Call seconded the motion.

Discussion:

-Update on the hiring of the Intervention Specialist. Job will be posted first week of April. Job applicants are expected to have at least an Associate's Degree and be proficient in Excel & Word, and pass a background check. Anticipate hiring by the beginning of May. The new hire will be paid from school funds to shadow the Desert Hills Intervention Specialist for a week in May. Community Council members we invited to be part of the interviews for the Intervention Specialist.

-Discussion of amount to budget for the Intervention Specialist. Decided to start the person at 17 ½ hours per week but budget to allow the person to work up to 25 hours as the need increases.

-Mr. Brooks demonstrated & passed around the new HP Pro Notebooks. They are military grade, have much more flexibility in the way students can use them than the chrome books. Currently offered at \$20,803.20 for a set of 60. That does not include a charging station. The HP Notebooks would be kept at the Media Center and checked out from Mr. Kreyling and would not be assigned to a particular department.

-Continued discussion and analysis of the request for funds.

\$11,650	Intervention Specialist
\$1200	Incentives for students (for use by the Intervention Specialist)
\$5900	Dave Ramsey literature for Financial Management class
\$3500	Accompanist for Music Classes
\$3000	Flex reading
\$3260	Reading teacher for 1 period per semester
\$53,000	2 sets Chrome Books, 1 set HP Pro Books, and equipment

\$81,510 Total

Voted that any remaining funds would be used to replace individual Chrome books and for additional miscellaneous needed computer equipment such as charging stations, cords, etc. for the old Chrome Books, new Chrome Books, & HP Pro Books.

-Brent Brinley motioned that the above budget for the SITLA funds be approved. Andrea Schmutz seconded. Unanimous approval.

-The internet safety plan has been presented and discussed in previous meetings. The community council feels that the current internet safety plan is adequate.

Council Member Terms:

Brent Brinley and Kaleen Talley have another year to serve.

Andrea Schmutz, Angie Staheli, Tania Duffin, and Yadi Call will be eligible to run for another term.

Meeting adjourned/Next Meeting: Meeting scheduled for March has been cancelled—all business is completed. A final email is all that is necessary.