School Community Council—Hillcrest High School

Notes by Suzanne Riches

September 19, 2018

In Attendance:

1. Greg Leavitt
2. Brant Thomsen
3. Julie Cluff
4. Andrea Warner
5. Suzanne Riches
6. Jeremy Wright
7. Laura Bischoff Garcia
8. Jason Dong
9. Jan Hansen
10. RJ Graham
11. Nikki Huff
12. Zoya Hyder
13. RaNae Dalgeish
14. Audra Kasparian
15. Jake Garrett (U of U student observing the meeting for academic work being done on SCC’s.)

Meeting Notes:

- Mr. Leavitt opened the meeting and asked for nominations for a Chair and Vice Chair.
  - Brandt Thomsen was nominated for Chair and RJ Graham for Vice Chair.
  - Nominations were seconded and voted upon with Brandt Thomsen and RJ Graham voted as Chair and Vice Chair for the 2018-2019 school year.
- Mr. Leavitt reported that we received 100% from the district on our council’s efforts for the past school year.
- Andrea Martinez was introduced as the community representative for Hillcrest this year. She discussed her roll in this position. She manages outreach for the school and community, along with food banks used by Hillcrest and other services offered to Hillcrest students as needed.
  - Andrea expressed a need for added resources to maintain the services needed.
  - Mr. Leavitt responded that we will do what we can to fund needs and continue to build this program.
- Other members of the council were introduced.
- Trust Land update and data.
  - Mr. Leavitt reported that we accomplished about 15% of the goals set last year.
    Attendance is running 1.5% above last year with 40-43% of our students currently at risk.
- We started with $228,000 last year. We spent all but $7,000-$8,000 which has carried over to this year. (See specific data on “early warning systems,” attendance and the number of students receiving D’s and F’s on attached document. This data snapshot was distributed to members.)

- The role of the new APP period put in place this fall was discussed.
  - Dr. Hansen reported that the kids are working in APP.
  - Zoya Hyder, a classroom teacher, reported that the students are advocating for themselves, and many more students are receiving support.
  - Nikki Huff reported seeing improvement in student’s attitudes and belief that they can achieve positive results.
  - Jeremy Wright stated that more homework is being done by his child and more time is now available for sleep.
  - RJ Graham noted that his child’s grades have gone up.
  - One comment was made about one student’s concern with the 5-7 minutes taken from each class.
  - Mr. Leavitt noted that one advantage has been that APP teachers see students every day.

- Mr. Leavitt noted that the Trust Land Plan is available to look through on the web. Members should review it.

- Construction update by Mr. Leavitt.
  - Parking lot in front of the school will be left in place until Thanksgiving. Then the parking lot will be excavated and cars will need to move to remaining lots.
  - We will be short 200 parking spaces. No construction trucks will move out from 7AM-8:30 AM and between 2PM and 3PM.
  - We will only have 410 parking places.
  - Students with an NG will not be allowed to purchase a pass.
  - Julie Cluff voiced concern with traffic flow and wondered about staggering school ending times. Supervision of traffic should also be provided. She suggested incentives to carpool.
  - Mr. Leavitt said that we will wait and watch for one week before making decisions about what needs to be implemented with traffic flow, etc.

- SCC Meeting times for this year were set, with the next meeting occurring on October 10 at 5:00PM.
Ds & Fs, 2014-2018

Attendance, 2014-2018

Early Warning Systems Data*, 2014-2018

*Early Warning Systems includes: Attendance, Office Discipline Referrals, Fs & Ds and GPA.