Hillcrest High School Community Council

Meeting 5:00 pm

Attendees:

Greg Leavitt, Laura Bischoff, Brant Thomsen,

Welcome and agenda overview given by

1. Update from Mr. Leavitt that the new Chrome Books are going well.

2. Update on The Land Trust money. Hillcrest used the money to hire 4 aides, which has been very helpful to the Assistant Principals and teachers. The aides are working with students who have attendance issues or who are not turning in their work. There is more information about the Land Trust money and how we are using it at Hillcrest High School on the school website. The 2 goals set for the use of Land Trust money are:

   • The Husky Huddle was created for students who have 1 or more D’s or F’s to catch up on their school work and get help from their teachers. This has been a successful program indicated by a reduction in the number of students being invited each week. The students set goals with their teachers and get Verge cards to buy prizes at the Husky Hut. Teachers and students who attend Husky Huddle have positive feedback about this program.

   • The Link Crew is a program led by students who mentor a 9th grader throughout the school year. Every 9th grader has a Link Crew mentor who they met at orientation. Together they did activities to help build connections with each other. The 9th graders and the Link Crew mentor exchanged information, so they can stay in touch and continue to build a strong relationship. This program is designed to increase graduation rates and academic success. The next Link Crew activity is a Re-Link assembly to reflect on first quarter and exchange information with any new students.

3. Mr. Leavitt handed out the Canyons School District Vision/Mission/Values/Tenants/Indicators and we read through them. The Indicators for Growth set by the district include ACT tests and Mr. Leavitt updated us on the fact that Hillcrest gave over 300 ACT’s to Sophomores and Juniors, which far exceeds the amount other schools in the area are giving.
4. The council was invited to have an open forum conversation about Hillcrest High School programs for academic success. Some feedback from council members included:

- Pleased with the updated attendance policy. One thing that the school administration is trying to make clear about the policy to students is how they make up NG’s. Student support time needs to be used to make up class work that they missed within the week, or as quickly as possible. Student support is not a chance to sit and do nothing to make up credit for missing class work or attendance issues at the end of the quarter.

- The administration is dealing with the complaints from students that they are not given the chance to participate in several activities. Parents on the council gave feedback that they can see teacher advisors making more of an effort to accommodate schedules and practices to allow students to participate in several activities. Mr. Leavitt mentioned that a VP is working hard on addressing this issue as well.

5. Next Meeting: November 16 at 5:00 pm. Meeting adjourned 6:10 pm.