

Lakeridge Community Council

March 15, 2016

Attending: Edy Buss, Becky Caldwell, Lynette Keele, Rochelle Anderson, Kathy Knudsen, Jenna Wood, Elena Felix, Silvia Lobendahn, LaNell Brown, Lynn Eyestone, Roger Harrison, Ryan Rocque, Kathi Strong.
Excused: Cretia Tinsley, Kevin Rich

Welcome

Approval of Minutes

Teacher Presentations:

Pat Fossat, Math Dept CTL; Dept is tracking 8th grade progress. Last year numbers increased significantly from the year before; this year they lost some of that progress, but not as low as the numbers were from 2 years ago. This is most like because of the number of new Math teachers this year. They feel like they're in good shape. Math would like support from the council by having volunteers cover for teachers during class time when teachers are called out (let parents go to activities, etc, and let teachers stay in class. They would prefer to stay in class and help their students. Parents could volunteer to cover for activities during FLEX and other areas so as to free up teachers time. They could use parents help in Lab classes. Incoming 7th graders have been tested, and they are well below average with their numbers in Math. Summer School is a big desire. Kathy mentioned that Alpine Foundation can pay for a summer school program.

Rachelle Dixon, SpEd Dept CTL, SpEd will be moving from holding 38 folders to 46 next year. Breakdown was given to the number of prep house needed to complete all of the tasks. A SpEd teacher would need 83 prep hours through the year to accomplish this, when there are only 89 prep hours during the school year to complete ALL paper work. SpEd is requesting: hire someone to test (would save 135 preps alone), hire an hourly secretary to help with paperwork (20 hrs/week), another set of WoodCock Johnson testing book-\$700-\$1200, Grade Reading Assessment-\$600-\$700. Council was very sobered hearing of the situation of our SpEd Dept., and wants to help all we can. We will look at this proposal after we get next year's budget and determine here we can help.

Merinda Davis, History Dept, CTL, proposed that the council support the History Department by purchasing books to expand the resources available to the students. Three books are being requested, "When My Name was Keoko," "The Chosen," and "I am Malala." Proposal was motioned, seconded, and voted for unanimously.

Breakout Sessions

Public Relations: FAQ's page that was given out at 6th grade Open House; working on getting Parent Planner in Spanish; getting Spanish help on Back to School Night; getting newsletter in Spanish.

(It was reported that 6th grade Open House is confusing to parents. Parents did not know where to go. Good idea is to have more signs, maybe a map with locations and instructions given out as they walk in) Feedback was given to Randy Evans to make this easier and parent friendly. Having Open House in the Cafeteria was a popular idea.

School Culture: Results from survey given to St Council and Honor Society. Students gave comments on lack of respect for teachers, property, and students. We will compile the information and give to teachers to include information in lesson plans, videos, posters, etc for next year.

Academic: Committee loves to hear from teachers during Community Council. Can we feed Summer School remediation kids? Maybe tag along with Westmore's free lunch during summer. If we can't feed kids here at Lakeridge, can we have another kitchen prepare sack lunches and deliver them to Lakeridge. Offering breakfast and lunch is a huge benefit for parents-financially and time wise. WE want to be sure and set budget aside to help new teachers somehow to become stronger; to be able to attend seminars, etc.

Principal's report

Kathy distributed copies of our current Trustland breakdown, FY17 Fund proposal, and the School Plan for 2015-16. Discussed how we can help Social Studies this year. Motion was made and seconded to grant Merinda Davis/History her request for reading books. (attached) Voting was unanimous.

It was presented to help with FTE to support our ESL teacher (\$2500). \$30,000 to go to Summer Collaboration, Hourly Aide (Lunchtime Learning) \$10,000. All budgets were motioned, seconded, and voted on unanimously.