

School Community Council Meeting

Thursday, October 13, 2016 - 3:30pm

Minutes

Those in attendance at the meeting: Kay Adams, LeAuna Brown, Carla Christensen, Cherie Clawson, Natalie Dansie, Laurel Fetzer, John Goldhardt, Anita Longhurst, Paul Pickett, Amber Rydalch, Nita Tuitupou.

Presentation from Chantel Olsen, Work-based Learning Coordinator

Chantel was not able to attend. She will present at a later date.

Nominations/Voting for Community Council Chairperson

Paul Pickett was nominated as Chairperson. Voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

Establish meeting dates and times for the school year

It was decided to meet on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 3:30pm. The dates will be

Nov. 10	March 9
Dec. 8	April 13
Jan. 12	May 11
Feb. 9	

Informational items from Dr. Goldhardt

SSR (sustained silent reading) is a new program implemented at MHS this year. The students read items of their choice for the first 15 minutes of second period each day (except Wednesday's). Dr. Goldhardt shared the substantial increase in book circulation from the MHS library since starting this program and remarked that, thanks to Trustland money, more books were purchased and added to the library for student use.

Professional Development so far this year has focused on getting kids moving in the classroom. Kay Adams and Amber Rydalch both expressed that they have enjoyed implementing the things they've learned and that the students seem to respond well to it.

College Application Week for seniors will be November 14-18, as well as Career Day on Nov. 10th with over 60 presenters.

Dr. Goldhardt expressed concern about student attendance. He reported that 20% of seniors last year were perpetually absent and that number directly correlates with the number of students that did not graduate. He would like to find ways to improve that situation. One item of encouragement planned is to send postcards to students who have been absent to let them know that they have been missed.

On the morning of October 31st, 2 buses with an expected 80-90 students will be participating in a "Drive-by Raking" event. The students will go to homes within the district boundaries and rake the leaves in people's yards and haul the leaves away to recycle. The PE department will help with this in showing that yard work is a good form of physical exercise. It is also expected there will be a wide variety of students that are generally not involved in school activities to get them all working together. The students will ride the buses

while staff members drive trucks to carry equipment and leaves. Office Burnside is providing the bags from the city. The plan also includes feeding the students.

Communication between the school and parents has been a concern. Dr. Goldhardt suggested using a communication program such as Parent Square that has been successfully used by Viewmont Elementary with pleasing results. The cost would be approximately \$5,300.00 per year (about \$3.00 per student.) There was a move to approve this expenditure and it was unanimously approved.

□ **Community Council representative for Citizenship Policy Review Committee**

Dr. Goldhardt would like a committee to review the current MHS citizenship policy and decide if the policy should remain the same, be revised, or be completely rewritten. The hope is to have the decision made and, if needed, a new policy ready to present to the Superintendent by February so that it can be in place for the 2017-2018 school year.

Already on the committee: Parent representative - Kelly Taoalii

Student representative - Zachary Brousseau

Teacher representatives – Haley Binggeli, Erik Perry, Lindsay Newton

Community Council members that volunteered today to be on the committee: Carla Christensen and Laurel Fetzer

NEXT MEETING: November 10, 2016 at 3:30pm in the main office conference room.