

Minutes

Thursday, March 5, 2015

Members Present: Anne Hunter, Danni Eisert, Mary Ellen Rosen, Anita Longhurst, Lesa McSwain, John, Jennica Murray, Jeremy Taoalii

Others Present: Kelly Taoalii

Minutes from February Meeting approved. Danni Eisert made the motion to accept; Mary Ellen Rosen seconded it

Jeremy Taoalii met with Dr. Hirase and discussed the problems with our current internet filter. The district currently uses a product called Light Speed. Dr. Hirase said that the teachers can submit requests for block overrides to the district so that they can gain access to sites that they use frequently. Jeremy said that the product appears to be able to give teachers capability to override a block temporarily and obtain long term approval later. Dr. Goldhardt indicated that even when request are submitted there still seems to be problems with access. As a council we decided to recommend to the district that a technology committee be set up that includes administrators, teachers, parents and students to address some of the frustrations and issues with the internet filter as well as other technology concerns.

Crystal Spackman was unable to attend the meeting but provided a copy of a proposal that she submitted to Larry H. Miller Charities to try and obtain funding for a reading assessment that will help determine the reading level of each student.

Dr. Goldhardt presented a video clip on the importance of student activities such as the arts, clubs and athletics do better in school and have a lower drop-out rate. The council came up with several ideas to help improve student involvement:

1. The Renaissance Club could approach local businesses to donate funds to help students who are unable to pay fees for clubs, athletics and AP classes.
2. Let parents know what clubs are available.
3. Make club rush a whole week and do it multiple times during the year. Also, allow open enrollment throughout the year.
4. Have a ping-pong club and work with the city to have more intramurals.

Dr. Goldhardt said students have approached him about forming a board game club, and he felt like it was a good idea. The biggest club we currently have is the Book Club with 70-80 members.

Not much time was left to discuss Trust Land Funding Priorities for 2015-2016, but Dr. Goldhardt sent out a memo prior to the meeting that discussed this.