

School Community Council – January 9, 2019

Approval of minutes from last meeting – Eric Ferrin Approved it and Shani seconded it

Trustland monies

- Moving forward – we have used quite a bit for teacher salaries in the past

- At the end of the month the intern list comes out
- During a principal's conference
- Hoping for 2 possible interns

§ English and History

- Would like to also use as salaries for 2 beginning teachers if possible
- Have been able to bring class sizes down

- Professional Development

- 10-12 thousand for teacher training and workshops
- Pays for subs and registration
- Builds up our staff as well – does not create a conflict with administration

- Technology

- Audio enhancement, chromebooks, Active panels for history
- Chromebooks – the teachers take care of them and get them to last about 5 years

§ Core subject – all teachers have them

§ Non-core – 2 to 1 ratio

- Chromebooks run about \$217 with everything on them

§ Discussion of chromebook printing

- Projectors – the district has taken on that expense largely
- Moving away from some projectors in the new schools

- Tracker – tier 3 helper

- Jesse Killian – helping the struggling students – specifically 7th grade
- Works with Julie Green to help those students that are failing
- Our goal – send kids to the high school non-deficient in credit
- Helps the students by pulling them out in areas where they are struggling
- Communication with parents

- That is where we have been the past few years – we are open to other suggestions as needed

- Eric should present some testing data and other available data

Staffing

- Love the three interns – would love to have them back

- May lose a math and English teacher – hope to find a way to get some other good staff

Capital Funds improvements

- Hoops have been much better

- This year we are looking for

- Painting classrooms – will paint 15 classrooms in 2 weeks
- Theatre – Hatch that doesn't close

§ Lights and sound systems need to be replaced

- Carpet removed from the benches

Discussion with member of the school board

- He is aware that money needs to be done to fix the school – without waiting for the bond
- Struggles with breaking pipes during the cold snap during the breaks

Other items

- When are the decisions made?
 - o March/April
 - o February we finish formulating – will look at Data
- We really appreciate having the smaller classes
- English Department is looking for a better way
- o What do you see as parents as what your students need?

§ Reading?

§ Writing?

- o Some reading programs are out there, but many of the ideas are not concrete....
- o Looking for some better digital resources
- o Maybe some reading recovery technicians
- o Suggestion – Avoid the ones that caused them to take the test at the end

§ Don't like accelerated reader

- o Reading time – have a lit circle

§ Seems to be more beneficial than a program

- o Struggling with the lack of the double period in 7th grade
- o Will be nicer when we have the middle school model – will have a pod that gives them more time in English/Math - better transition

Motion to close the meeting – Tamora – seconded – Julie

Those in attendance:

Julie Johnson

Allison Jennings

Jami Branch

Shanni Call

Tamara Applegarth

Brandi McKell

Eric Ferrin

Chris Thompson

Russell LeMmon

Blake Mortensen

Matt Christensen