

Syracuse High School Community Council Minutes

December 2, 2015

Attendance: Wendy Nelson, Kellie Mudrow, Aaron Lewis, Amy Dickie, Shelly Thorne, Michelle Dart, Heath Rogers, Veronica Johnson, Ben Whitesides

Excused: Tracy Reed

Each member of the CC received a copy of the following information: November minutes, Trust Lands Spending Budget, Hogwarts Holiday's calendar of events.

Welcome: Michelle Dart

Minutes: Minutes from November's meeting were reviewed by Shelly. Motion to approve by Veronica, 2nd by Aaron.

Trust Lands by Kellie Mudrow

Budget Review-

- Digital Media teacher, Rachel Mattson's salary should be coming from Trust Lands money, but it is not. Kellie will do some research to find out where her salary is coming from. If it's being paid through a grant, she will reallocate those funds elsewhere.
- On Goal #1 the Summer Library Hours were budgeted at \$2500 and expenses were actually \$3394.08.
- On Goal #5 the SRI coordinator's salary will come from Trust Lands but it wasn't written in the plan. The \$392 oversight may not need an addendum, but will be fixed.
- \$170 of a teacher's salary was accidentally paid by Trust Land funds and should have been paid through a grant. Kellie will call and have this error fixed and the money put back.

Continuing Business by Wendy Nelson

Faculty & Staff Update

- The School District did something new this year. They asked Wendy to hire any student teachers that she liked and the district will guarantee them a job, if not at SHS then somewhere in the district. This is a good solution to the teacher shortage. If they wait until spring to hire them, most of them will already be contracted with other school districts.
- SPED teacher Adam Taylor was offered a position as an STS beginning in January. A student teacher will be offered the temporary position.
- 2 new teachers were hired for additional classes starting 2nd semester. They are Biology teacher Matthew Harris and Spec Ed teacher, Tom Wingert.

New Business by Wendy

Net Smartz Assembly

- Wendy scheduled a group called Net Smartz to do an internet safety assembly on Feb 12th. The school district requires each school to present internet safety to the students each year. This fulfills those requirements.

Information Items by Wendy Nelson

School Calendar Update

- Winter sports have begun. Girls basketball started last week, Boys basketball started this week, swim and wrestling have both begun.
- The Music Department Combined Holiday concerts will be on Dec 9th at 5:30 and 7:15.
- Hogwarts Holidays is underway for the 2nd year. This is fun activities combined with fund raising for SHS families who need financial help this holiday season. It will end on Saturday, Dec 12th with the Yule Ball.
- The Hyperion will open up next week with pieces on display made by teachers and staff.
- Todd Young and Greg Batt who are both teachers here have art pieces for sale in local shows.

Counseling Update by Ben Whitesides

- CCR's for Jr's finish after Christmas break.
- Mid-terms are Friday so they are working with students who are not on track to pass their classes.
- ACT test on Dec 12th. This is one of the tests that students can purchase their finished test with the correct answers.
- ASVAB test is on Dec 16th. This is a free military entrance exam.
- Several counselors are going to the Suicide Prevention Conference on Dec 8th.
 - Ripple effects are still occurring due to Justin Green's suicide a couple weeks ago. Students who were already struggling are needing counseling. Another student overdosed last night, but they are in the hospital and expected to recover. Kellie said that Wendy has such a good relationship with the students that they will come talk to her. They trust and respect her. Wendy said the same thing could be said about all the administrators there.

Other Business

- The Guns and Hoses game this year is on Dec 4th at SJH. All donations will help Konner Rea who is battling a brain disease.

Motion to adjourn by Heath, 2nd by Veronica.

Next Meeting: January 6, 2016 at 9 a.m.