

Community Council Minutes

Date: 03/07/2022

Attending: Brad Bench, Jeff Harrah, Jennifer Morgan, Heidi Gunn, Stephanie Jernagin, Eric Campell, Kristin Stout, Amber Guerisoli, (Mr. Hale, Administrative Intern was in attendance to observe)

Excused: Ninfa Hernandez, Julie Steel

Welcome: Stephanie Jernagin opened the meeting

Minutes: Minutes of meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve by Kristina Stout motioned to approve, seconded by Mrs. Gunn. Minutes approved unanimously.

Agenda Items:

Digital Devices discussion - Mr. Bench presented options regarding providing “cell phone corrals” in the classrooms for digital devices to the faculty during the last faculty meeting. Just under half of the teachers were interested in adopting a policy if it was a school wide plan. The majority of teachers do not want the liability of being responsible for expensive student phones that are collected.

Book Discussion from Mrs. Robertson -

Mrs. Robertson explained how the books chosen for honors LA and regular LA will be used. The librarians have read both books and have given feedback to Mrs. Robertson.

- “The Long Way Down” is going to be used for all LA classes and hopefully help capture the attention of kids who are non readers and who may be from out of the area and need something to help them connect.
- “Challenger Deep” touches on mental health issues. One concern is that there is a suicide attempt in the book. Mrs. Robertson is willing to skip that section of the book if it will cause issues and trigger.

Mrs. Robertson addressed questions regarding the books from the council. Suggestions from the council were to notify parents at the beginning of the year and again a week or so before starting the book. It was agreed the content in the books is something that students are seeing, hearing and dealing with and that having a safe place with an adult guiding discussion would be a good thing.

State Trust Lands Plan for 2022 - 2023 -

Mr. Bench explained the academic goals for SCMS and how the money used from Trust Land Funds support those goals. How we show accountability in meeting those goals was also explained. It was explained what data is used in making the decisions on how to use the funds. Each council member in attendance individually approved the proposed budget minus Mr. Harrah who needed to be excused early to take care of a student issue.

Next Meeting will be held April 11, 2022 at 12:15. Meeting was adjourned by Stephanie Jernagin.