

School Community Council
November 20, 2017

Those in Attendance:

Matt Leininger	Chad Heyborne	Brenda Staples
April Richardson	Brittany Stephenson	Albert Spencer-Wise
Garry True	Melissa Gibbs	Kirsten Davis
Tricia Leininger	Terra Bingham	Cheryl Awerkamp
Brian McGill	Mellisa Fabrizio	Callie Bjerregaard

Others in Attendance:

Carolyn Cannon (Main Office)

Welcome by Matt Leininger

Matt Leininger asked for approval of November meeting minutes

Motion to approve by Chad Heybourne

Second by April Richardson

Minutes approved

1. Student Government Update (Brenda Staples)

- Charitable Fundraiser ends on December 18th for the Tyler Robison Foundation for Pediatric Cancer.
- Donations come from Charity Bash (good turnout), Assemblies, community support, games, etc.
- Students are working hard to make this happen.
- Goal is \$20,000.

2. PTSA Update (Kirsten Davis)

- Sterling Scholar Awards night was wonderful.
- College Application Week was November 9th (had 24 parents volunteer – phenomenal).
- Admin and PTSA did pop-in visits to all the teachers to say thank you. Well received.
- Reflections is just finishing up. 30 students participated. Results will be in by 25th and then go on to District.
- Blankets are still not here which is a big concern.
- Working on Golden Apple award.
- Battle of the Bands will be January 18th.

3. Counseling Corner (Callie Bjerregaard)

- College Application Week was a huge success. Thank you to all the volunteers. We are sitting at 90% of students who applied to at least one college.
- Last week Hope Squad and Counseling Center had Social Media Awareness Week. They showed the faculty the lesson plan which they then taught in their Advisory. There were fun activities throughout week.

- Monday after Thanksgiving is first day of Junior Plan CCRs. They are individual and will run for 5 or 6 weeks. They will fill out the course requests during these appointments and the Registrar will fill them out.
 - Career Fair was last week – nothing but positive. There were 63 presenters (1st one in Advisory was random; 2nd one they selected).
 - Our enrollment count has stayed the same from the beginning of the school year to now (3 months later). This is exciting because it is rare not to lose numbers. Many students who leave Alta, end up coming back.
4. Enrollment/Retention Rates (Brenda Staples)
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5. Attendance Rates Update (Quarter One) (Terra Bingham)
- We had a 10% drop from kids who are missing more than 10% of school (this determines Proficiency)
 - Proficiency in 2016 – 34.4%
 - Proficiency in 2017 – 24.2%
 - Many of our excused absences have dropped
 - Pacific Islander population is struggling. Hispanic/Latino population is doing much better.
 - 2016 (1st quarter) - 17.4% of students with one failing grade
 - 2017 (1st quarter) - 14.4% of students with one failing grade
6. Academic Achievement Update
- 2017 (1st quarter) - 360 – 4.00 GPA's
7. Bond Update (Brian McGill)
- The Bond passed.
 - Brian just returned from a visit to Maple Mountain to see their Field House facilities. That is most-likely what we will have built north of the stadium.
 - Contractors will show up about April to begin as soon as school is out.
 - By 2020 it should all be done.
 - Parking and Traffic will be an issue during construction (be patient).
 - Meetings were held with affected departments to get input and feedback.
8. CSIP Review (Quarter One)
- Five main goals
 - a) Students will demonstrate 75% of lexile proficiency at each grade level, will show at least 80 lexile points of improvement gains each year (9, 10, 11, and 12) in school, and increase our low-income lexile proficiency range by 3% each year in school. The SRI (Scholastic Reading Inventory) will be the standard of measurement each year in school (grades 9-12).
 - b) Increase proficiency by 2% to aim at 28% proficiency on all four college readiness benchmark standards of the ACT exam (with a strong emphasis on Math and Science) within the next three years (by 2020).

- c) Creation and development of a HopeSquad which meets bi-monthly with appropriate advisement and training, a wellness week (aimed at positive social/emotional behaviors) each semester, and a referral process for SST (Student Success Team) for students who need Tier-I, Tier-II, and Tier-III instructional interventions, and number of SAFEUT tips reported by students.
HOPE Squad Lessons – Sep 15 – Stay Campaign; Oct 16 – Anti-Bullying Lesson; Nov 13 – Social Media Week; Dec – Less Judging
- d) Our counseling team has put together an attendance promotion campaign that highlights the reasons and rationale of why attending school is important and related to academic achievement. We have also incorporated parent nights specific to our underserved demographic of students (i.e., Latino/a parent night) that is focused on the importance of attendance and correlation with college going rates. Our goal is to increase attendance (bring about improvement) by 5% for the 17-18 school year, through these components identified and through an attendance policy revision.
- e) Monitor and assess the number (and which types of students) are earning “engagement” points on our Hawk Medallion Engagement award each year annually, with a target range of 10% of all students at each grade level (9-12).

9. Land Trust Amendment.

- We were allotted \$200,000. Half was going to be for teachers, but we received some extra FTE from the District which freed up Land Trust money so we can redistribute those funds (\$100,000). Proposal to use those funds is as follows:
 - a) Check and Connect Aide (MTSS Required Supports) (CSIP Goal #3 – 1 full time person or 2 half time) – aide level position (ESP)
 - b) Read 180 Curriculum (reading, computer, audio-based system) (Reading interventions, ELD, and SPED students) - \$90,000 for 90 licenses; if we use Albion’s licenses we can get 90 from them for \$30,000
 - c) Professional Development – RTI (Response to Intervention) Instructional practices (send about 10 teachers to that); LinkCrew Training (program reaching out to Freshman to help them incorporate into the school) – need to replace 2 members to be trained (4 to refresher, 2 to training)
 - d) Chromebooks (continue to add and expand our needs)

10. Other items.

- Albert Spencer-wise - Seal of Biliteracy (3000 level classes) – District will pay this year.
- Media specialist – opening up library and computer lab after school
- Step to the U Assembly on Dec 11th. Invite Juniors and parents and walk them through the program and pass out applications. The window will be open until the 3rd week of February

Vote on Land Trust spending

14 present (8 parents – 6 faculty)

In Favor of proposal – 14

Oppose proposal – 0

Motion carried

Motion to adjourn – Tricia Leininger
2nd motion – Chad Heybourne
Meeting adjourned

Next meeting: Monday, January 22nd, 3:30 pm, Alta LMC