

School Community Council—Hillcrest High School

Notes by Suzanne Riches

January 9, 2019

In Attendance:

1. Greg Leavitt
2. Brant Thomsen
3. Julie Cluff
4. Andrea Warner
5. Suzanne Riches
6. Jeremy Wright
7. Laura Bischoff Garcia
8. Jason Dong
9. Jan Hansen
10. RJ Graham
11. Nikki Huff
12. Zoya Hyder
13. Audra Kasparian
14. Mont Millerburg

Meeting Notes:

- Brant opened the meeting.
 - Brant announced that the new SCC bylaws, approved by the SCC on November 14, 2018 meeting, are available on the Hillcrest website.
 - Brant requested the SCC adopt the Canyons-recommended timeline (available at <http://www.canyonsdistrict.org/scc-manual/1155-scc-community-council-timelines>).
 - The SCC timeline was approved.
- Agenda Item: HHS parking lots. How is this going?
 - Mr. Leavitt reported that things are going very well. After the first two or three days, everything moved smoothly. There is enough parking to accommodate students and faculty.
 - Mr. Leavitt also reported that the HHS build has been approved at \$113.8 million dollars.
- Agenda Item: Dress Code Changes by Canyons School Board were discussed.
 - Hats and hoodies will be allowed when the new policy takes effect.
 - Zoya expressed a concern that hoodies could make it more difficult to determine when students are using headphones.
 - Question was asked about cameras being able to record faces.

- Mr. Leavitt responded that data shows that hats and hoods are easier to identify than faces on the cameras. So this is not an issue.
 - Question was asked about whether teachers may have their own rules.
 - Answer to this question was not definitive.
 - Mr. Leavitt and others noted that it will be good to greet kids and not need to immediately ask them to take their hats off.
 - Andrea suggested 2.1 be struck from the policy. This item suggests that clothes be clean and in good repair. This may not be possible for some students.
 - SCC members agreed.
 - Mr. Leavitt pointed out that the new school will have washers, showers, etc. for students who may need them.
- Agenda Item: Digital Citizenship Pocket points
 - Dr. Hansen reported that inquiries have been made about this program. No response has been received, so they will keep trying to get information.
 - Mr. Leavitt said that Corner Canyon High School is using the program.
- Agenda Item: CSIP and Land Trust Plan Discussion
 - Mr. Leavitt reviewed the most recent HHS data. (See scanned documents for a report on the data.)
 - Highlights include an increase in the graduation rate from 78.3% to 83.6%. This jump reflects the fact that some errors in calculation were made in the past. However, increased attendance also feeds into these numbers. Attendance is up by 2-3% this school year. (See data.) The new APP period is helping with attendance as well.
 - APP Discussion
 - Math scores are improving.
 - About 150 students are not utilizing APP as it should be utilized. Changes will be made to remove the bell after first and fifth period. Students will wait to rotate until after the announcements. APP will start at 9:20 AM. Teachers will shut and lock doors within 10 minutes after the bell rings. Any students wandering the halls will go to the cafeteria for mentoring and supervision.
 - Since the inception of APP, D's and F's are going down, with more B's and C's assigned.
 - Improved mental health and less anxiety among students has been another benefit.
 - We are seeing reading scores and math scores solidly showing "growth."
 - Sage scores are even with other schools in the district, though many of our more advanced students have opted out.
- Agenda Item: Trust Land Plan
 - SCC members were given a chance to respond to this year's plan.
 - BLT will comment in February.
 - The new plan for 2019-2020 will be ready for approval in March or April.
- Agenda: Other Items

- The SCC roster was passed to members for any needed updates in contact information, etc.
- PTSA follow-up. Julie Cluff reported that PTSA was given a Google grant for \$1,000 to be used for the parent-student night being planned for April. This evening will focus on digital citizenship and other relevant parent concerns.
- Meeting was adjourned by Brant.