

School Community Council—Hillcrest High School

Notes by Suzanne Riches

February 13, 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. Andrea Martinez
14. Mont Millerburg

Meeting Notes:

- Brant opened the meeting.
- Agenda Item: HHS parking lots and Construction.
 - Mr. Leavitt reported that there have been some parent complaints. One of these has to do with the lane configurations being changed. Two lanes are going out now, while only one is coming in from Hillcrest Drive. He doesn't know why the change occurred, but will restore it as it was as soon as possible—when striping can be done.
 - Group members discussed the 7th East entrance problem. Parent are stopping to drop kids off, slowing down the traffic flow. People are also executing U-turns on the corner
 - Mr. Leavitt also pointed out that there is a problem with students and teachers parking in the Visitor parking. Hillcrest is ticketing cars, but having a difficult time leaving the parking open.
 - Mr. Leavitt said that SAC discussed some of these issues this week.
 - Mr. Leavitt reported that we are still waiting for UDOT to approve a 9th East entrance. Until this is approved, we may be able to get flagmen for certain times of the day, etc.
 - Mr. Leavitt was asked about when the new gym will be completed. He responded that the facility should be ready on Oct. 15, 2019. The last basketball game in the gym will occur on Friday, Feb. 15th.

- Things have been complicated by the canal. Several issues have arisen. But, the problems are being solved. The new gym will begin construction in March. Pieces of the old gym will be sold and incorporated into the new facility.
- Agenda Item: Digital Citizenship Pocket Points
 - Dr. Hansen reported that Mr. Shelbe was able to reach the company and is investigating. This will be on the agenda again next month.
- Agenda Item: Changes in District Overnight Travel Policy
 - Major changes include the length of time for trips, distance travelled, and frequency of major trips.
 - School trips must be under 425 miles one year, but may be more than 425 miles the next year. So, major trips may occur only every other year.
 - Trips may not be over five days, with no more than two school days missed.
 - A trip may not cost more than \$1250.00
 - Student to adult ratio must be at least 1 adult for every 10 students.
 - Members asked why the changes were needed. Mr. Leavitt responded that we must provide equity which may require waivers from districts, so there has been a desire to decrease the cost involved.
 - The school board is asking for feedback from SCC.
 - No major objections were raised.
- Agenda Item: CSIP and Land Trust Plan Discussion
 - Mr. Leavitt reviewed the SMART Goal for the 2018-19 school year.
 - He pointed out that we are continuing to pursue our plan of achievement through growth mindset, instructional clarity and relevant standards, plus interactive note taking. (See attached CSIP plan.)
 - Mr. Leavitt reviewed encouraging recent data that show our plan is working.
 - We are giving less F's and D's with more passing grades.
 - We are hoping for 68-69% passing on the reading inventory. It was 58% four years ago. Our kids are coming in to the school with a lot of gaps. So, our numbers are impressive.
 - Hillcrest ACT score average is 21.2 (about the same as other schools in the district).
 - All data points are favorable, so there does not appear to be a need to change our goals.
 - Second quarter GPA's shot up by 8%, perhaps due to our new APP period.
 - We had 10 National Merit Scholars—many more than other Canyons Schools.
 - We are working toward common disclosures for departments. This will allow for equity among our classes, similar requirements and treatment across course sections.
 - Zoya Hyder (Science teacher) pointed out that the students are required to pass the same assessment across classes. Instruction is tied to these assessments, so in that respect there is similarity in what the students are learning.

- Mr. Leavitt pointed out that our district assessments keep changing, so it is sometimes hard to measure how we are doing. This year, we will begin using the ASPIRE, rather than SAGE. ASPIRE is not tied to our standards, but will measure academic performance in various areas.
 - Mr. Leavitt pointed out that we shouldn't change our goals, but keep working to improve the targets by 5-6% growth per year.
- Mr. Leavitt made a motion that we come back in March ready to finalize the plan.
- Brant seconded the motion.
- The motion passed. Greg will send the numbers out to SCC to be voted on next month.
- Agenda: Other Items
 - The SCC roster was reviewed by members for any needed updates in contact information, etc. No changes were made.
 - Greg said that the Alumni Association is well organized and proving to be an asset.
 - 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. A meeting will be held at 5:00 PM on Feb. 19th to plan the event. All are welcome.
- Meeting was adjourned by Brant.