

School Community Council—Hillcrest High School

Notes by Suzanne Riches

September 18, 2019

In Attendance:

1. Greg Leavitt
2. Brant Thomsen
3. Julie Cluff
4. Suzanne Riches
5. Jeremy Wright
6. Jason Dong
7. Nikki Huff
8. Karen Conder
9. Jan Hansen

Meeting Notes:

- Mr. Leavitt opened the meeting and discussed terms of service and rotations for various members, finally calling for nominations for a Chair and Vice Chair.
 - Brant Thomsen was nominated for Chair and RJ Graham for Vice Chair.
 - Nominations were seconded and voted upon with Brant Thomsen and RJ Graham voted as Chair and Vice Chair for the 2019-2020 school year.
- Mr. Leavitt then turned the meeting over to Brant to conduct.
- School-Turn-Around Plan (TSI). Schools are tasked with meeting certain targeted performance levels for students.
 - Four groups of students have been identified at Hillcrest that are not currently meeting these performance levels. They are:
 - African-American (9 students)
 - Pacific Islanders (45 students)
 - English Language Learners (about 220 students)
 - Students with Disabilities (about 130 students)
 - These groups were identified in 2015, but money has now been allocated to help bring these students up to the expected performance threshold.
 - Mr. Leavitt shared Hillcrest's TSI Plan.
 - This plan will be presented to SCC, the Building Leadership Team and the Student Support Team. The plan includes the following SMART goals:
 - By May 31, 2020, 100% of Hillcrest Math, Science and English teachers will consistently identify and invite students in TSI groups to APP for targeted support.

- By May 31, 2020, 100% of Hillcrest teachers will provide re-take assessments to students in TSI groups who have scored below 70% on the original assignment.
 - By May 31, 2020, Hillcrest administration/counselors will hold a parent-student meeting with all students in TSI groups who fall below 90% attendance.
 - By May 31, 2020 Hillcrest SST and Community outreach will meet with parents of at-risk students in TSI groups once each semester on student performance and needed support.
- See the document detailing aspects of this plan here on the SCC website.
- Trust Land Plan Review
 - Goal: HHS will increase the percentage of students who are on track to graduate from 60% (data point taken from 2nd quarter of 2019) to 70% by 2nd quarter of 2020. On-track is defined by GPA, attendance and the number of D and F grades per students.
 - This goal will be achieved through academic work in Reading, Mathematics, and Writing. The RUF program will also be of assistance.
 - The plan will be accomplished through lowering class size, increased para professionals and teacher funding.
 - See document provided on the SCC website, showing programs and funding dollar amounts.
 - Last year's money allowed for the hiring of 7.5 more teachers. Hillcrest now has 18 sections of co-taught English Language Learner classes. Teachers were hired in ELL Language Arts, Science, as well as the RUF program.
 - RUF goal is not to suspend students. These are typically the most poverty-driven students. In this program, students work out issues in a smaller group with an intimate climate where students can examine problems and work through them to solve issues. Students may be in the program from 1 to 10 days. They move up through a leveled system, and will be doing classwork in addition to RUF work. There are usually 7-8 students in the class. So far, 10-11 students have passed out of the program. This is a full-day program—special education teachers are also pulled into the program where needed.
- SCC Training Dates
 - Mr. Leavitt reviewed SCC district training dates with members.
 - Mr. Leavitt reiterated that SCC councils are respected and important to Canyons School District.
 - He appreciates everyone's efforts and would be pleased to have more diversity on the committee. If the committee knows of people who can serve, they should suggest names of people to contact.
- Construction Update/Parking/Drop Off
 - Feb. 1, 2020, the new gym will open.
 - The new entrance and exit traffic light will be open by this date as well.
 - All parking tickets were waived by M. Leavitt from day one to two weeks ago.

- Parking and traffic flows are remaining the same. The lot in front of the building is now for faculty and visitors only.
 - The new building will be ready by the summer of 2021.
- Other
 - Mr. Leavitt noted that anyone on the committee who has suggestions about how Land Trust Money should be spent is welcome to write a paragraph on their suggestions.
 - He is always willing to listen to recommendations.
 - Jeremy asked about a cell-phone policy. Mr. Leavitt responded that we have not moved forward with this, and the new electronic hall pass system has necessitated the increased use of phones. He is hoping that this system will allow Hillcrest to track the use of APP re-teaching and reassessment by teachers and students. This new system will also allow parents to track students and hall pass activity.
- SCC October meeting is rescheduled to the second Wednesday of October—October 9th. The November meeting will be back on the third Wednesday schedule – November 20th.
- Brant called the meeting to a close. His motion was seconded and voted received an affirmative vote.