

Tuacahn High School

Community Council Meeting

December 1, 2015

Minutes

Meeting began at 4:30p.m. Michel Boroff was asked to take minutes for this meeting.

Attending:

Julie Fonseca (vice chair), Rosanna Weeks, Kim Aloj, Michel Boroff, Kent Brown, , Christine France (chair), Peggy Armour, Christian Bohnstegel, Joseph McCormack

Excused: Armando Serrano & Tara Eaves

Minutes: The minutes from last month's meeting were discussed. Only change to the minutes was the ending time changed from 4:25 to 5:25. Julie Fonseca made a motion to approve the minutes. Christian Bohnstengel seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved.

Agenda Items

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THS Highly Qualified Teacher Report: Rosanna went over and explained our current standings. She discussed that some teachers need to update their certifications and some need to renew their licenses. (Note: Utah Teacher licenses went from 5 years to 3 years) Rosanna is working on the explanation letter for the parents. [Note to Committee: Return to this in March 2016]

Parent Teacher Compact – Title 1: Rosanna put on hold until after the New year.

Presentation from Joseph McCormack/Science Department: Mr. McCormack talked about how the Science Department used the Lands Trusts monies. They purchased () android tablets (compatible with our Chrome Notebooks) for more hands on experience in the classroom along with other Basic science materials. Biology text books were also purchased.

Testing and Assessments for this year: Rosanna explained the THS Tests and dates for 2015 – 2016. We have already completed 3 tests by November 30th. All students will be taking the SAGE tests starting in January 2016 and our CORE teachers will help with the testing. New this year, ALL students will have to take a Civics Exam, a new requirement for graduation. Seniors who do not have U.S. Government will be contacted by counselors to arrange to take the test. Rosanna did point out that there is an Opt Out form parents can fill out.

Rosanna explained our standing with PACE*: Prepare, Access, Complete, Economic Success. Tuacahn is compared with Washington School District and the State. Tuacahn measures up very well. We are at 37% for concurrent enrollment. Chronic absentees is at 18% and NOT good. We need to get less than 5 days or less to have a less impact on the students. The suggestion was brought up to maybe have our SRO Officer do follow up checkups on chronic students with ongoing and extended absents.

Follow up Questions/Answers from Technology issues/Shane Hale: As a school, our internet is pretty safe. We have done a Titan Time presentation about internet safety and offered a class for parents. We do have an open network (TCA Guest) that students can get onto. Question was asked if TCA could "turn off" this network or slow it down more during lunch time?

Rosanna asked that we should ask at each meeting if there are any concerns about networks. We do have an acceptable use form and program that is being used and monitored by teachers currently.

New Business: Rosanna talked about how we could go about increasing enrollment. We all need to spread the word and talk to everyone about Tuacahn. Suggestion was to buy ad(s) in the playbills of other Utah theatrical theatres. Share what's new at THS: New Art Studio, new ceramics classes starting in January with pottery wheels and expanded room for sculpture. We have a new film teacher, Mr. Keith Owen. The new building at TCA should break ground later this month. The building will include of dance studios, band and orchestras studios, class rooms, gift shop and storage and a café.

Next Meeting's Agenda Items: Budget. Invite our Academic Coaches, Kim Aloï and Lindsley Benson

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m. The next meeting will be January 26, 2016 at 4:30 p.m.