



Vista Heights Middle School

Home of the Blackhawks

School Community Council Agenda- January 4, 2017.

Welcome/Call to Order- Liz Gibby

Attended: Todd, Furey, Woodrum, Brown, Fike, Gibby, Audry, Zundel

Review of Minutes/Approval – Jenn Webb – approved

Follow up on data reports

- Woodrum: getting books to take home. Did Zundel get them ordered? Todd hasn't signed anything yet. English department is working on getting the list finalized to order the books. Todd talked to them after the meeting and the money was going to be used for a variety of books. For novels we will need to write it in April if we choose to do that.
- Woodrum: Are we going to look at math? Cory wasn't going to come today. We reviewed SAGE scores for math and science. Woodrum: Is the math still doing the tutoring? Todd said he wasn't sure of the number of students using it. About a dozen kids have been hired to help tutor. Not sure if any type of roll has taken. Posters are up and it is advertised.

Learning Walks – Todd Dawson

- January 12, 9:15AM-Gibby, Furey
- Review the 1st learning walk.
 - Brown and Todd did the learning walks. Brown said worth her time. Great to see teachers in action. Had heard that there were no seats in trailers, but they were able to come and even sit in a desk. Brown wants to know if parents can check out a classroom. Todd said any parent is always welcome to visit. Ramos, C. Smith, Thomson were the classrooms that were visited. Brown said that we have really good teachers. This learning walk was about instructional strategies. Todd wants it to be nonthreatening and positive.
 - Our teachers could do this on their prep time or get a half day sub. We are looking into this with our mentor action learning team.

Digital Citizenship

- Jay McFarland-possible dates, getting the word out
 - Possible Dates: Jan – can we get the word out soon enough?? Barton will be contacting Karen to set up dates. We will use VHMS auditorium. Barton is going to try to do a Thursday night. 1/26 or 2/2. Will do callers, school websites, free papers, social media, etc.

School Improvement Plans-looking at high performing school plans for ideas

- Todd was reviewing other schools that are similar to VHMS. Improvement plans with improved growth. Reviewed other school improvement plan. Some schools are having their students write essays in each subject each term. Todd would like to know more about grading papers and training all teachers. Mobile writing lab in each English class. Zundel said that would be amazing! Woodrum: is there someone here or at the district that can give up some options of what the school can support. Good information that could be used

for the upcoming grant. We want items that will last longer than a year. Todd will follow up with Zundel and Ochs to see what the issues are with the computer. Didn't realize so many weren't working. Woodrum would like a follow up report next meeting.

Discussion/Community Input-

- Gibby – Parents have kids in the Spanish immersion program and that the kids really regress from 6th to 7th grade. They aren't ready for the high school program. Teachers aren't focusing on what the kids need. Is there an actually written curriculum for 7th – 9th grade? Parents are saying their kids aren't advancing in our program. It is hard when they come from elementary and spending ½ day and going to one class every other day. They are also now getting high school credit for the 7th and 8th grade. Brown: Any opportunity for an afterschool program to help with the social and immersion? Need to look at some vertical alignment between Harvest and VHMS.

Counseling-

- SafeUT – Jan 13th all students will learn about the program
- Class changes are happening right now for the next week.
- HOPE Week – Feb. 6th – 10th

Reminder: Optional SCC Conference and Training, January 12, 4-8pm at Highland High
Next Meeting- February 1st, @ 3:15 p.m.

Todd Dawson, Principal Derek Reynolds, Assistant Principal Jamie James, Assistant Principal Matt Rowe, Assistant Principal

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