

Dixie High Community Council

Meeting Minutes

February 21, 2017

Members Present: Cortney Snow, Greg Brooks, Tina Tew, Rick Peirce, Jason Brooks, Sharla Campbell, Manny Tovar

Items Discussed: Jason Brooks reviewed the implementation of the new attendance policy. He reported on the attendance of several students who had had severe problems with tardies in the past. Since the new policy, we have seen a significant decrease in tardies in several students. Mr. Brooks indicated he is encouraged by this data and will continue to monitor the effect of the policy through the remainder of the year.

Cortney Snow mentioned that including a letter grade for every assignment in Powerschool is not helpful for students in understanding the impact of more significant assignments. Mrs. Campbell will investigate whether it is possible to remove the letter grade from every individual assignment.

Mrs. Snow asked for the Council's input regarding the proposal to bring the assembly "Fight the New Drug" to Dixie High. This presentation is designed to help students understand the serious effect that pornography on young adult minds. The Council agreed that this problem is continuing to grow and that providing resources to our students and parents would be helpful. They voiced support for scheduling the presentation for our students.

Council members reviewed the Grading Policy developed as part of the requirements identified during our last accreditation. The policy was written to be consistent with WCSD requirements and also our attendance policy which awards 20% of a student's grades on participation.

Council members were provided with data regarding several of our school goals and initiatives. The first data reviewed was the graduation rate of students at Dixie High. In 2011, the grad rate was 75%; in 2016, the grad rate was 96%, the highest in the Washington County School District. Many of the programs and initiatives that have allowed this significant increase have been funded through STL monies, which we are proposing to continue in our State Trust Land plan for next year.

Mr. Brooks presented a plan for the proposed budget for State Trust Lands for next year. We anticipate receiving \$108,721 this year, combined with a carry-over of \$2,831, giving us

\$111,552 in available funds. The proposal includes keeping in place some of the critical programs at Dixie High, such as Rebound, Math Tutoring, an Outreach Aide, Credit Recovery classes, ACT Prep classes, and 7 periods of math instruction. Mrs. Campbell explained that FTE's provided by the district to fund teacher salaries did not allow for math lab classes. We have found that these support classes in math have made a significant difference in the success of students in this subject that most students find to be their most challenging. State Trust Land funds will allow us to continue to offer these classes to our students. Council members asked about the need for technology in our school, which is not included in our plan for the coming year. Dixie High will be the recipient of four new chrome carts with 40 chrome books each, supplied by CTE. The chrome books currently being used in CTE classrooms in the school will be available for use by teachers in all subjects, so students access to technology will be increased significantly next year, even though STL monies will not be reserved for that purpose.

Tina Tew made a motion to approve the proposed plan for STL funds for school year 2017-18. All members present voted their approval. Mr. Brooks explained that Council members will receive an email asking them to verify that they were given an opportunity to participate in the development of the plan, and that they approve of the plan. Mrs. Campbell and Mr. Brooks remain available to answer any questions about the STL plan by Council members.

The next meeting of the Council will be held on March 21 at 4 p.m. in the counseling conference room at Dixie High School.