

School Community Council Notes November 29th 2017

1. **Re-Introductions.** *In attendance Sharon Jensen, Raylene Glover, Becky Lopez, Tracy Castellanos, Marsha McBride (parent member), Kathy Utter (parent member) & Cove Utter (student). Excused were Jacinto Peterson, Leah Smith, Tiffany Turner (parent member), Karen Allen (parent member), and Sheri Burke (parent member).*

2. **Concerns that community members brought to council members.**
None

3. **Report from the SCC training that Marsha and Sharon attended**
The training was on Nov. 9th. There were a lot of good ideas from other schools. Hillcrest has implemented a new mentoring program. They have select juniors attend training over the summer, then when school begins the students that are now seniors become mentors to the underclassmen. There was a discussion on how we could implement a similar program here at Valley. Cove Utter seemed to really like the idea, and thought that it would help the students. We will explore this further.

4. **Lands Trust Plan discussion**
Last year we received \$18,000 from the cell tower. We received the same amount this year. Because the SCC worked to approve the cell tower, they have been consulted and given approval to the spending of the funds generated by the tower.
Cell tower money:
Turkey certificates, ham certificates about \$1000
We will use about \$1000 to buy turkey and ham gift certificates for students in need. Some were given over Thanksgiving, and some will be given at Christmas and Easter.
Money to buy shoes, clothing etc for needy students as determined by counselors and/or Admin. About \$4000
We will use some of the money to purchase gift cards for students in need of clothing, shoes, etc. Sharon said that we cannot buy cards from Wal Mart or Target because the stores sell too many other items like food, etc. The council approved that we will buy \$50 and \$100 cards from JC Penney, Kohls, Payless, Famous Footwear, Ross, TJ Maxx, Old Navy, and Kid to Kid. These stores sell clothing and shoes for both genders. A few from Kid to Kid can go to teen parents. We have about 30 teen parents right now in our program.
Packets for deserving students – teacher choice. This will be about \$7000.
The teachers are each given a golden cell tower ticket to award a free packet to a student once each quarter. The student that receives the ticket then has to meet with their counselor to determine which credit they need. Now that the money is here, the first ones will be given to teachers in faculty meeting on Monday.
Those needs total about \$12,000. A reserve will be held for the prizes for the end of year barbeque and any unanticipated needs. The SCC can discuss those as the year progresses.

5. **School Safety -**
 - **CPR upcoming training** *will be on Friday Dec. 15th.*
The district requires each school to hold 6 drills per year. We do Lock Down, Shelter in Place, and Fire Drills.

6. **Comprehensive School Counseling Program – Raylene Glover**
 - **Plan for College & Career Readiness (PCCR) appts**
These are done each quarter with each student to determine progress towards graduation.
 - **Needs Assessment**
The needs assessment that was done last year showed that Boys are less likely to continue their education after high school. This was shown as a national trend.

We had a very successful College Day this year with over 200 seniors in attendance. Our teachers helped them write college acceptance essays and explore ways to finance their post high school plans. Our seniors chose from a menu of workshops to attend with various presenters in addition to their teachers from SLCC, FAFSA, Job Corps, and Mountainland Applied Technology College.

- **Data Project** – *The counselors continue to track the progress of our ELL students in an effort to boost their graduation rate.*
- **Service Learning**

The Christmas stockings will be finished this Friday, and delivered to the Boys and Girls Club in Murray on December 15th.

7. Upcoming school events until our next SCC meeting held Nov.

- **Career Day Dec. 7th**
- **Poetry Slam Dec. 19th**
- **Book Club Jan 9th**
- **Scholarship meeting Jan. 11th**

Next School Community Council Meeting is Wednesday, February 7th