

## **School Community Council Meeting Notes February 7, 2018**

1. **Members in attendance:** Marsha McBride, Kathy Utter, Karen Allen, Sharon Jensen, Jacinto Peterson, Raylene Glover, Tracy Castellanos. Special guest Tracy Miller, Member of the JSD Board of Education. Excused: Becky Lopez, Tiffany Turner, Sherrie Burke  
(Thanks Tracy C for taking notes this time!)

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

**3. Discussion of issue at Herriman High** – impact and plans for next week:

Several students were close friends of the student who died last week. They have had a difficult time coping. Parents of those students were called and condolences were expressed. Administration also reached out to those students and talked with them when able.

The school plans to do some outward acts of love and encourage students to identify and share what they love apart from a relationship they might be in.

**4. ACT test is coming up:**

February 15<sup>th</sup> all juniors planning on taking the ACT must complete the pre test day paperwork during power time (1:30-2:00).

February 27<sup>th</sup> is test day. Any junior taking the test must be at school at 7:40 to sign in for the test.

It was asked if students have to take the ACT to attend SLCC. They do not. Students can take the Accuplacer Test in place of the ACT for SLCC.

**5. Lands Trust Plan:**

This will be the main item to discuss for March 28<sup>th</sup> meeting. Proposal will be sent out the SCC members a week before to identify areas of clarification. A law is in the works where a bigger percentage of our plan can be directed toward character education. This will benefit our counseling center and programs they initiate as we spend this money on Service Learning.

**6. Cell tower money:**

Used for turkey and ham certificates; shoes, clothing, etc. for our needy students; packets for deserving students by teacher choice.

There will be district change for next year. There is an inequality of money since some schools have the cell towers and others do not. The district is going to distribute the money according to school student counts. Sharon is going to ask that the district consider our third quarter enrollment since that is the quarter with the highest enrollment. Unfortunately, it looks like Valley High will lose \$10,000 due to the equalization of funds.

## **7. School Safety – Lock down vs. Lock out**

Lock down: danger could be inside the building; classroom doors are locked and teacher moves students away from any windows and students are quiet; parents are asked, as well as students, not to use cell phones during this time since phones ringing and students talking could alert the intruder to their location; no one but law enforcement will enter the building until they deem the school is safe; emergency location will be set up for parents to then pick up students.

Lock out: danger is outside the building; outside doors are locked and only those with a badge can enter; kids remain in classroom to ensure safety.

## **8. Comprehensive School Counseling Program Updates:**

Plan for College and Career Readiness – The state requires schools to visit with students once a year to talk about plans for after high school. Our counselors meet with our students four times a year.

Needs Assessment: The latest one is done with some great data to share. 92% of our students feel that our strict attendance policy helps motivate them to attend school. 55% attend Power Time every day or 3 out of the 4 school days. More data will be shared with the faculty and staff soon. The counselors are busy compiling everything for their Review by the State. It is similar to an accreditation but for counseling departments.

Service Learning – Three projects will have been completed by the end of the year. They include making blankets for homeless, stockings for the Boys and Girls club, working in the food bank. Counselors help students set up a fundraiser; money does come from our Lands Trust Fund; counselors also talk with the students about sacrificing for others.

## **9. Upcoming even until our next meeting in March:**

Jostens meeting for seniors Feb. 8<sup>th</sup>

ACT meeting for juniors Feb 15<sup>th</sup>

Parent Teacher Conferences Feb 22<sup>nd</sup>

ACT test for juniors only Feb 27<sup>th</sup>

Poetry Slam March 13<sup>th</sup>

Book Club Meeting to discuss book March 20<sup>th</sup>

Next School Community Council Meeting is  
Wednesday, March 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm.