

School Community Council Notes February 13th, 2019

Reintroductions: in attendance Tammy Thompson, Sharon Jensen, Jacinto Peterson, Raylene Glover, Melinda Fatani, Tracy Castellanos and Becky Lopez.
Excused: Tiffany Turner, Kera Jarman, Jeni Rimmer-Millar

Concerns that community members brought to council members

None

ACT test is coming up: Some notes are here already in case you get questions

February 12th or 13th all juniors planning on taking the ACT must complete the pre-test day paperwork during power time (1:30-2:00). We had around 80 students turn in paperwork to take the ACT. Late students will have one more chance to fill out paperwork on Tuesday Feb. 19th at 1:30 in Tracy's room (B-201)

February 20th is test day. Any junior taking the test must be at school at 7:45 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. Raylene informed the council that the Accuplacer Test will not be given anymore as of this fall at SLCC. They are coming up with another assessment.

Lands Trust Plan Next year we will use some of this money to hire an aide for the Senior Success Program. Funds are no longer available from the summer school fund.

Sharon will email the Lands Trust Plan to committee members to review for our next meeting in March.

Cell tower money: what it is and how we use it Valley receives @ \$10,000/yr.

This money is all spent on the kids in the form of gift certificates for hams/turkeys or other food, gift cards for student needs (ie: Old Navy, Kohls, Forever 21, etc.), and Certificates for free packets.

School Safety Updates: – Lock down vs. Lock out Jacinto went over the difference between Lock Down and Lock Out:

Lock Down: is when the threat is INSIDE the building. All inside doors are locked and everyone stays away from doors and windows.

Lock Out: is when the threat is OUTSIDE the building. All outside doors are locked. School proceeds as usual. No one is allowed to enter or exit the building.

This year Valley High has held fire drills for both AM and PM students, upgraded our safety bags, updated staff CPR training, and had all staff attend the district safety trainings.

It was mentioned that students feel good about talking to school personnel about any problems they might have.

Standards Based Grading The district will be implementing Standards Based Grading in the future. Sharon will attend a required training in March to help the district develop a plan to roll it out to all the schools. Student's knowledge will be graded on a scale of 1 2 3 or 4, with 3 or 4 being the only passing grades. The district's middle schools are already using this grading method in many of their core courses.

Comprehensive School Counseling Program Updates Valley had a Wellness Week for students at the end of January. This took the place of Suicide Prevention and focused on students identifying their Wellness Connection Web, and activities to improve their mental health and wellbeing. Counselors shared personal experiences with the students, and the students said that they feel that "Valley is a Safe Place."

Raylene stated that the most important thing for a student to have when they leave the school is "Mental Health."

We need to get the word out that school counselors are more than just schedule changers. Some people in the legislature want to do away with school counselors.

Upcoming events until our next meeting in March

Feb. 20 - ACT

Feb. 22 - Historical Film Activity

Feb. 28 - Parent Teacher Conferences: UPEC Survey's will be available for parents to fill out in the library. Parents that fill out the survey will be eligible to win prizes for their students (ie: gift cards or packets). Students will fill out the survey at school. Josten's will be here to collect orders for graduation.

Mar. 1 - Mayan Exhibit at NHM Activity

Mar. 4 & 5 - 4th Quarter Registration

Mar. 7 - Last chance to buy a Sr. ad in the Yearbook
Graduation Tryout information is available

Mar. 8 - Code Breaking Activity

Mar. 12 - Poetry Slam

Life Design open house for SPED

Mar. 14 - Book Club book review

Mar. 19 - Work Experience Paperwork due

Mar. 21 - Senior group picture

Graduation tryouts

Mar. 22 - Grade Transmittal Day

Mar. 25 - 4th quarter begins

Mar. 26 – Celebration of Valley High School at the School Board Meeting

Mar. 27 - Last School Community Council meeting of the year. Focus will be on finalizing the Lands Trust Plan.

Mar. 29 - Lands Trust Plan Due – Sharon will email to committee members for review before the SCC meeting on Mar. 27th

Next School Community Council Meeting is
Wednesday, March 27th at 6:00 pm.