

December 12, 2017

Middle School Community Council Meeting

Present: Principal Russ Torgersen, Shawn Caine, Becky Henrie, Ashlee Miller & Jacie Torgersen

Principal Torgersen had a print out from the district office that showed what money has been spent year to date, what money is allotted and planned to be spent. The school board wants to see how the community council is using the trust land money to benefit students.

They do need more special ed aides to help in the 7th grade. Community Council money has never been used for special ed before but it is a possibility. It is hard to hire aides, people don't apply for the aid positions available. As of right now there is quite a bit of money there because an aide hasn't been hired to use that money. There are several teachers that are working with students after school and being paid with the community council money to do so. Mr. Torgersen also just asked Julie Chidester to start clocking in for this program. She is contacting parents and having the students stay to help who are behind in her classes.

Shawn Caine requested some funds for the following field trips:

7th grade – Brian Head snow skiing Jan 2018 (\$1400 + bus & driver)

8th grade – Brian Head snow skiing Feb 2018 (\$1400 + bus & driver)

7th grade – Ruby's Inn snow shoeing March 14, 2018 (\$400 + bus & driver)

8th grade – Ruby's Inn snow shoeing (\$400 + bus & driver)

She is also requesting money for a Mobile Unit TriCaster Software LiveText with Data Link which is \$995 to use for her broadcasting class. Principal Torgersen said that this could be submitted to the high school community council for funding instead of the middle school.

Becky Henrie asked if the district would be replacing the high school building any time soon. Principal Torgersen said that they would not be but that they have several capital projects that they will be working on in the near future. They are replacing the flooring through the school, they will be redoing the locker rooms in gym and working on the berms by the windows.

Becky Henrie presented an idea that the council could consider as an incentive program to motivate students to get good grades. She wanted to do something fun like maybe an arcade game where they would receive tickets for good grades that they could cash in for prizes. There were several ideas suggested. There could be a monthly activity with a reward of pizza party or hot wings or something like that.

Principal Torgersen needs to check with the state about the funding. There is one section that says the council can only spend \$2 per student for an incentive program. There is another section that says councils may budget and spend no more than \$5,000 for an in school civic and

character education program or activity if the plan clearly describes how the program or activity will directly affect student academic achievement. Principal Torgersen will find out if this would fall under a character education program so the council could use \$5,000 to implement the incentive program.

The teachers would need to take care of handing out the tickets to the students. The students could earn them for bringing back their grades signed from their parents, from having good grades at mid term or at the end of the term. A certain number of tickets could be earned for getting A's, B's or C's. Some of the ideas for prizes would be like head phones, a kindle or something big that the students would get excited about. The community council would take care of the incentive program besides the teachers handing out the tickets to the students.

Principal Torgersen will check in to the funding and the council will brainstorm some more and About how they could make the incentive program work. The next meeting will be on January 10, 2018 at 10AM so the council could start on the incentive program and get it going by the end of January. The meeting adjourned at 11AM.

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