

PGHS School Community Council

Wednesday, October 3, 2018

In Attendance: Cheri Hardman, Cristie Wood, Steve Stewart, Jana Porter, Heather Downs, Laura Clement, Kyle Sanderson, Cheryl Williams, Josh Tenney, Paula Jardine, Jill Memmott, Russ Mayo, Stacey Squires, Jennifer Walker, Jana Porter, Kurt Wollenzien, Matt Embley, Bill Shupe, Kurt Wallenzien, Amy Smithson

Welcome – Cristie Wood

Welcome and introduction of Bill Shupe (Parent, At Large)
Welcome Matt Embley from the Leadership Team.

Principal's Topics -Dr. Stewart

School Safety Report

From the beginning , they felt Friday's threat of danger to the school may have been a hoax, but had to follow protocol. The response helped to identify areas to change. Protocol brought officers from more than just Pleasant Grove area (SLC, etc.) There was great support from parents, faculty, staff. The school will continue to work hard: people can feel confident in safety at PGHS.

Report on School Leadership Team (Matt Embley)

(Amy Smithson and Matt Embley are coaches that teach part time and coach teachers part time)

The team is working on 2 items:

- 1) Encouraging all teams to be working toward the same goal.
- 2) Professional Development

The **monthly teacher lunch** is a roundtable for discussion and sharing of ideas. It is averaging 50-60 of about 80 teachers.

Observe Me program is funded through SCC funds. A sub is hired so a teacher can observe someone else.

Professional Conference (This is available for 6 faculty this year, but the hope is to expand this opportunity to more next year.)

Dr. Stewart pointed out that the SCC funding effort is two fold 1) towards students (advocates for those who struggle) and 2) teachers (investing in those who are in front of the students) This premier conference is local this year (in SLC)

Jana Porter asked if it is too late to fund more teachers for this conference and mentioned that the news reported a 12% increase in Trustland funds.

Dr. Stewart mentioned that that conference tuition was \$699 a year and committed to a year in advance.

Russ Mayo told of his visit to Westlake H.S. on the Observe Me program where he gained new ideas in procedures, layouts and equipment check-out, etc.

A discussion ensued on the benefits of collaboration.

Jennifer Walker asked about the procedures for the Observe Me program.

Matt Embley explained accountability, process, paperwork, training, and need for a goal before observing. This is open to anyone. In fact, the counselors have been encouraged to visit a classroom to have more understanding.

Amy Smithson explained the 3 different programs: 1) Conference , 2) Observe --every Wednesday—we are not there to judge but to learn from you. 3) Lunch, that also happened last year

Graduation Report (Kori Thomas) with the last graduate on Friday, PGHS has a 95.2% graduation rate (up from about 93.8 at the end of the school year)

Dr. Stewart pointed out that only PGHS and AF have over a 95% graduation rate.

Discussion ensued about where the graduation rate comes from. Dr Stewart pointed out that the 4.8 % that did not graduate includes those who do “lifeskills” instead of a diploma and other possibilities. A 100% is an impossibility

Reading (Kori Thomas)

The school has been given 40 licenses to the Lexia power up program. Last year a 3 minute screening was given to all sophomores and juniors. A score of 23 meant that a student was reading on the 8th grade level (the level at which most newspapers, etc. are written) All 10, 11 12 graders were given the test this year. Scores were compared... There were 29 who had up to a score of 10. (The lowest score was a 5 or 6. There are 10% of students who are reading below grade level.)The original goal was to find those who do not already have the focus of Special Ed and ELD programs. (However, that is not possible this year.) The goal is to have students with reading needs using the program by the 2nd quarter with the help of parents, reading classes, guided studies. . . At the end of the year, the program will be assessed. If successful, there will be a need for more chrome books, a facilitator, more licenses. We have 2 teachers who already have their reading endorsement.

Our plan and information is to be submitted to the District by October 20th.

It was noted that Bill Shupe was already voted in.

After a short discussion of finances, merits of the trips and reminder that 100% of parents had approved both trips, Heather Downs motioned that the field trips (Boys BB to Walnut Creek Ca Jan 20-21 missing 0 days of school; Dance Company to Loas Angeles, Ca for April 1-5, missing 0 school days) be approved. Russ Mayo seconded the motion. The SCC voted in favor of the trips.

Amanda Siebert has other responsibilities and will not be able to attend SCC. Since the council already has 2 more parents than faculty, there is not a need to replace the Grovecrest parent at this time. Jana Porter motioned that the SCC Council continue as is. Jill Memmott seconded the motion. The SCC voted in favor of the motion. Paula Jardine nominated Jana Porter to replace Amanda Siebert as Vice Chair. Cheryl Williams seconded the motion and all voted in favor of the motion.

Paula Jardine reported on the department wide common paragraph on-line assessment of writing for sophomores and juniors arrived at through summer collaboration and joint rubric construction. On Sept 24 paragraphs were read. Trends were observed, as well as strengths, weaknesses, and need to change.

Dr. Stewart pointed out that 3 of these days have been funded (cost of subs)

Discussion occurred about the benefits with corroborating with junior highs.

Paula Jardine noted that in the RICE paragraph scheme (Restate, Information, Cite evidence, Educate Audience), Restating or topic sentence received the lowest score while Information received the highest score.

Cristi Wood gave a shout out to teachers with two anecdotal stories of a student who was low achieving at the junior high commented on the good teachers at PG. He loved his math teacher even though he hated math. Her son hates English, yet English was his highest score on the ACT.

Heather Downs told SCC members to watch for the mindfulness email/program. (Inner Explorer)

Meeting closed.

Next Meeting -- Wednesday, November 7 at 12:00