

PGHS School Community Council

Wednesday, December 5, 2018

In Attendance: Cheri Hardman, Cristie Wood, Heather Downs, Laura Clement, Kyle Sanderson, Josh Tenney, Paula Jardine, Russ Mayo, Stacey Squires, Jennifer Walker, Kurt Wollenzien, Amanda Siebert, Dr. Stewart, Troy Johnson, Amy Smithson, David Van Dijk. Excused - Janna Porter, Cneryl Williams, Bill Shupe, Jill Memmott

Welcome – Cristie Wood

Cheri Hardman motioned to approve the minutes
Josh Tenney seconded the motion
The minutes were approved

Troy Johnson, a 5th grade elementary teacher was introduced (shadowing Dr. Stewart)

Drumline request for super regional competition (March 22-25) in San Bernardino was presented
Amanda Siebert motioned to approve the trip
Jennifer Walker seconded the motion.
The trip was approved

It was noted that the replacement of the arrested English teacher was handled quickly and appropriately

Dr. Stewart asked Troy Johnson for an outside perspective of PGHS. Mr. Johnson noted that he saw teachers working to collaborate to help students and sharing information so everyone is on the same page. He saw signs of hope: a positive, uplifting atmosphere.

Dr Stewart noted that it has been a strange year [uncommon challenges] but that they had felt community support. The year is going well. There are good performing arts programs.

There is an excellent interview on Channel 4 news featuring 2 students from PGHS Hope Squad.

Amy Smithson (representing math department) talked about the excellent performance of PGHS AP Calculus and Statistics program. Because of SCC money, the class sizes have been reduced, and the intern has been helpful. This has made a difference in the teaching atmosphere. The math department is thinking of enlisting the math club to come to advisory to help struggling students. The daily secondary 2 math class started out with lower scores, but now are doing better than the regular class. Math Tutorial software (pay per student) was funded through a grant.

Kyle Sanderson talked about the math software which is related to what UVU uses.

There are a few iPads and Chromebooks for the teachers to use in their classes., but it is hard share. The iPads are fine, but Chromebooks work with Canvas software.

David VanDijk (representing the science department) said that the science department needs more Chromebooks. They bought a set using their science funds—the one cart is used all of the time. They will probably buy another set using their science funds. This technology is used to extrapolate laws of physics, crunch data, etc. They have no complaints about money, however he reiterated the need for dedicated lab rooms. Teachers are doing a great job with what they have, but they have limited counter area, gas outlets, etc. The original plans for the rebuild had featured a science lab. But because of all of the classroom needs, there is no space in the school for the labs that are needed. He presented the idea of a teacher having their own classroom lab with a giant common lab. There has been a remodel (paint and more shelves), but, what is really needed is [more science labs] 14 more rooms than what they now have. There was a concern that our school's science needs (which have existed for a very long time) need to be finally at the top of the bond priorities.

Meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting: Tuesday January 8 at 12:00