

PGHS School Community Council

Wednesday, February 6, 2019

In Attendance: Laura Clement, Cheri Hardman, Amanda Siebert, Jen Walker, Kyle Sanderson, Amy Smithson (observing), Jana Porter, Josh Tenney, Kurt Wallenzien, Heather Downs, Cheryl Williams, Cristie Wood, Steve Stewart

Welcome – Cristie Wood

Review Minutes

Amanda Siebert motioned to approve the minutes,
Heather Downs seconded motion to approve the minutes from December
The minutes were approved unanimously

Dr. Stewart—School Boasts and Brags and other news:

Wrestling is doing fantastic
School Play—come see talented performers and crew (Captain is played by the principal)
Save Ferris was awesome.--2,000 kids attended and behaved well, \$14,000 was raised that week.
Drill Team is 4th in state 2nd in kick competition
Coming up: wrestling and swim championships (highly ranked teams) and basketball

Review of Last Year's budget

Basic overview of current PGHS SCC Trustland Plan 2018-2019

Academic Area	Expense - (Rounded Estimate)
English Graders	\$4,000
AP Teachers	\$35,000
Math Intern	\$36,000
Advocates & Eastshore	\$82,000
Benefits & Payroll	\$30,000ish
Technology - English & Social Science Dept	\$23,000
Leadership Team	\$10,000
Total	\$219,00ish

(Last year was \$208,000 with carryover of \$12,000 - Planned expenditure is \$220,000)

Estimated Trustland Distribution for 2019-2020 - \$256,457

(\$48,000 more funds than last year, with no expected carryover)

Group Discussion

Suggestions

- 1) Math Chrome Cart \$11450 and Science Chrome cart \$11450 (This would replace the Chrome cart expenditure of last year for English and Social Sciences.
There was discussion on whether anyone knew if computers for everyone is coming soon: The plan is first for the elementary schools, but others say "Don't hold your breath." This is a prudent step considering this information.
- 2) Two English interns (\$35,000-ish)
Two English interns will lower the English class sizes and would allow the school to hire 1 on-going math teacher which will also reduce enrollment in math classes. Because of a little lower enrollment, the school is losing 1 ½ FTE (full teacher equivalent or average value for a single teacher) this year. Enrollment predictions are that in coming years, the school population will again increase.
- 3) School Leadership Team is currently budgeted at \$10,000. There has been a suggestion to increase this to \$15,000. There is a 2 day local conference (like the one in Phoenix that some in the school

will attend in February) that would cost \$800/teacher. (Phoenix trip is about \$12,000 a person) Twenty faculty attending this local conference would benefit the school. All break out sessions are covered by attendees. Attendees meet the next day with the group and share ideas to move the school forward.

- 4) Kurt Wallenzien suggested that mindfulness was important. Heather Downs said that a school package was \$450 a year, but with more speakers and people could be brought in. Mindfulness benefits teachers, too (20% stress reduction) Jana Porter pointed out that mindfulness needs to start at the junior high and elementary school to be more helpful. Heather Downs said our school uses Inner Explore: the Calm app is not a school wide program. Although some districts have a school psychologist for each school, because of tremendous cost, this is not a possibility.
- 5) Jana Porter suggested that the money be used for some type of portable lab or something to help our science teachers until the bond and a science lab is built.
- 6) Kori Thomas suggested that focusing on teaching reading would help graduation rate. A reading specialist would need to be hired and there would be other costs.

There is about \$10,000 additional funds.

In the discussion about approval now for 2 English interns (so there would be money for a full math teacher,) Amy Smithson pointed out that because of the new High School that is opening, over 20 full time math positions are open and it is important to start looking now for a qualified individual soon in order to get a top teacher.

Jana Porter moved to give prior approval to using Trustland funds to hire 2 English interns.
Heather Downs seconded the motion
There was unanimous approval.

Jen Walker wondered about rooms for all of these teachers and Principal Stewart did acknowledge that was a problem and there would be a request for mobile classrooms. The smaller rooms in the older part of the high school are also difficult for large class sizes.

Laura Clement wondered if there were music needs. Since Trustland money is earmarked for academics, music needs are being taken care of by the Principal

Cheryl Williams asked about the snowy day (today, Feb 6) when school was still held. It was pointed out that a delay start would have been helpful. Our school had the highest turnout of surrounding schools. Dr. Stewart said that parents have control [in safety issues like this] Attendance on this snowy day was not an issue. (He asked the teachers to be aware.) The concern was heightened because phones and website was down and the news was misinformed of Alpine School District's decision to remain open.

Kurt Wallenzien wondered how the parents on the committee felt about the extra money raised for Save Ferris. (They were limited to \$5,000 for the Make A wish goal.) Should another charity be chosen or could the money be used for other PGHS needs such as fixing the G? the general consensus was that using it to help other PGHS needs would be OK, just let people know what was done with the money.

Cherie Hardman moved to close the meeting.
Cheryl Williams seconded the motion.

Meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 6 at 12:00

