

PGHS School Community Council

Wednesday, March 6, 2019

In Attendance: Cristie Wood, Dr. Stewart, Laura Clement, Heather Downs, Paula Jardine, Jill Memmott, Jana Porter, Bill Shupe, Cheryl Williams, Russ Mayo, Josh Tenney, Kyle Sanderson, Stacey Squires, Jen Walker, Niles Fugal (Guest), Cheri Hardman, Amanda Siebert, Amy Smithson (excused)

Welcome – Cristie Wood

Jana Porter motioned to approve the minutes,
Paula Jardine seconded
The minutes were approved unanimously

We are up to date and compliant with SCC rules

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

Wrestling took state
Basketball took 2nd place in state (wished for state title)
Choir is preparing for upcoming concert and New York trip.
Region Drama
Cheer took 3rd at Nationals (very close to 2nd)
Amanda Siebert commented that 75% of the sophomores came for the practice ACT. Thanks so supportive teachers.
Drill team took 3rd in state. A new drill coach has been hired. (She is a former PGHS drill team member and is the captain of the Cougarettes.)
Jana Porter suggested spotlighting teachers' great accomplishments.— PTA could possibly do this?

Review of 2017-18 budget and budget for 2019-20

There is 55% of SCC budget left and 1/3 of the year to go. A carryover of less than 10% of SCC funds is best. Because the district gave an across the board raise for salaries that we were not aware of when 2018-19 budget was created, the expenses were higher than had been budgeted this will need to factor into the new budget.

There will only be one English intern so the \$72,000 listed expense will be in half so \$36,000 left to budget with possible math chrome cart, science chrome cart, school leadership team, reading advocate and chrome cart

Estimate Trustland Distribution for 2019-2020: \$256,457

Basic overview of current PGHS SCC Trustland Plan 2018-2019

Academic Area	Expense (rounded estimate)
English graders	\$4,000
AP teachers	\$39,000
1 English Intern	\$36,000
Advocates and East Shore	\$95,000
Benefits & Payroll	\$35,000
Total	\$209

We have \$47,450 left to budget

Options: Math Chrome cart \$11,450, Science Chrome cart \$11,450

School Leadership Team \$10,000 (same as old budget)

Reading Advocate --\$22,000 (Reading licenses funded from textbook money, Chrome carts and chrome books funded from technology money.)

Paula Jardine wondered about the \$4,000 since the English department is using a different model. She will go back to the English department and check on this

Jana Porter asked if there is word from the district on getting all students Chromebooks, but Dr. Stewart said there was no definitive word.

Kyle Sanderson said the History teachers have not seen the chromebooks that we allocated from last year.

There was a discussion about the intern (1/2 salary, but full benefits)

There was a discussion about the reading advocate proposal. Dr. Stewart said the plan is to identify students needing reading help. This would not be an extra class.

Paula Jardine mentioned that Trelease has written a revolutionary book on reading: Reading, adults reading and books in the home is more effective.

A discussion ensued about the need for vertical collaboration, Jr. High doing baggy books and iPod, importance of SSR - Sustained Silent Reading for 15 (ungraded) minutes. Could every teacher could read 10 minutes at the beginning of class? Reading, listening, rereading are important for all ages. Students have a hard time reading story problems. Could reading be tied into advisory time? The battle for reading literacy is a fight against societal norm. Everyone needs to read to pass every subject. The Jr High is focusing on improving readers. The Lexia program is amazing. The proposed literacy program would focus on 3 or 4 classes that an English teacher would already be running. This would only help about 80 students where we have about 1,000 that need reading help. That was a lot of money for so few. It would affect the ELL class and 2 Special Ed classes. The reading advocate would work in rotation with the English teacher/Lexia. A suggestion was made that parents could come and read.

Dr. Stewart said that there was not really the time to come up with a plan to promote the concept of reading in the home and facilitate it, when the budget should be submitted in 3 weeks.

There was further discussion about the lack of use by some students of the media Center, although the center is used for many things. Paula Jardine has a 50 book challenge for students. ACT test scores increase as you read better. Heather Downs said there are 150 students (or so) that are not reading at an 8th grade level and suggested trying this reading advocate for a year since we have already paid for AP and interns. It was noted that the AP teacher fund and Chrome carts help everyone. The SCC is supposed to focus on academic need and lower learners are part of that academic need. Leaving reading up to parents is not a good answer. Paula Jardine said that we are talking about 1,000 students that need reading help. Lexia tracks growth.

Dr. Stewart will follow up on the missing Social Studies Chrome Books

All were in favor of the basic proposal to work towards using the \$47, 450 for the reading advocate and Chrome books for the math and science departments. Extra money would go towards the chrome books for the new literacy program.

Cheryl Williams moved to close the meeting

Jana porter seconded the motion

Next meeting; Wednesday, March 27 at 12:00