

Polaris High School Community Council Meeting Minutes

February 2, 2017

6pm in the PHS Conference Room

- Vivian Shepherd
 - Welcome
 - Review and approve the minutes from Nov 17, 2016
 - approved

- Justin Keetch
 - Goals linked to our areas of greatest academic need
 - After discussion/reflection with teachers they believe the top 2 greatest academic needs for our school are:
 - More training on differentiated instruction
 - Targeted support for students who are behind due to non-attendance
 - Part time ISS Aide to work with students (\$10K)
 - Will help identify & direct consequences for truant behavior
 - $\frac{2}{3}$ of our students have attendance issues.

- Discuss and decide a plan for Polaris' greatest needs for the purpose of distributing Land Trust funding
 - All were in agreement on the greatest needs
 - Lori Thorn will draft the plan and send it out to the committee for approval

- Review/recap School Plan 2016
 - Improve dropout rate

- United Way donated money to pay for students who wish to do the GED
 - Impact of trauma & resilience training
 - Christian Moore
 - Teacher training
 - Assembly
 - Newzilla
 - Webinar training
 - Computers up & running
 - 75% expended
 - May have carry over
 - Final report will be in April
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- Counseling Update
 - 6 year review went well
 - State offered great ideas

In Attendance:

Vivian Shepherd - Chair

Ashley Billingham - PHS Counselor

Justin Keetch - Assistant Principal

ACTION ITEMS:

Lori Thorn will draft the plan & send it out for approval

- Questions for Lori:
 - Is our online safety plan online?
 - Where the training videos sent to the Riggs'?