

PGHS SCC Meeting Notes 3/12/13

Those in attendance: Jeanie Wilson, Tim Brantley, Cheryl Marshall, Brock Moore, Laura Rytting, Shauna DeBuck, Kelley Giles, Rick Diderickson, Christy Stevenson, Carla Jensen, Lynette Buck, Cindy Hill, KyLee Veenker, Justin Reeves, Neils Fugal

Trustland Budget Report

THANK YOU!!! Jeanie Wilson briefly reported on the Professional Learning Community Conference that was held recently in Arizona. (We had allocated some trustlands monies for this) Thirteen teachers and 2 administrators were able to attend. It was very rejuvenating. They returned with many ideas and thoughts on how we can all work together to improve learning. Each dept chair that attended will be holding mini session with their departments to discuss how they can implement what was learned.

2013 Trustland proposal: To maintain funding the same items that we funded last year.

Maintain funding for the Advocate program. It was discussed that we could use more advocates but that this program has definitely benefited many students. It was started in 2009 and our graduation rate has gone from 79% to 85% in the last three years.

Continue the Latins in Action Program. The question was asked "if we don't fund this program will it still be able to function?" The answer was "NO" if the trustlands money were taken away the program will be lost. Once again looking at the data the program is being successful. These students that visit the elementary schools on a weekly basis serve as an early intervention program that is definitely benefiting our LEP students, and our Latino population. Helping them to overcome a stigma that education is not valued. It gives the students positive role models who understand them and can hopefully at an early age help set them on a track to allow them to be successful students and role models themselves. It was suggested that maybe we could find a volunteer to be the aide over this class to free up some funds. We are looking into that possibility but as of now it will be funded for a paid aide. The High School covers the cost of transportation out of their budget.

Continue to fund reduced class sizes in lower level Math classes so the teachers are able to give more individual attention to each student. We are seeing progress but there is much progress to be made.

Continue to fund AP and language classes. As we try to increase the greater good for all we feel that we also need to give our higher end students the opportunity to push themselves with AP courses. We will be funding AP Calculus BC, AP US History, AP German & Spanish as combo classes.