

PGHS Community Council Minutes
October 2015

1. We met on October 7, 2015 at the high school. Mark conducted.
2. Mark read the minutes from May's meeting. Cindy made a motion to approve the minutes and Cristie seconded it. The vote was unanimous to approve the minutes.
3. Mark shared his passion for education. He has noticed how a good teacher can have an amazing effect not only on children but the whole community. He is very supportive of teachers and wants to help make things better for them if we can. He reminded us that the roll of the community council is to help if the principal sees a need that the community council can participate in. Mark would like to see that we make it happen. Sometimes contact from a parent to an administrator can be filled with emotion and not so positive. He invited us to be a voice in the community and if we hear of concerns from our neighbors or have any ourselves, to let him know and he will put them on the agenda for discussion and see what we can do to help.
4. Tim Brantley passed out our tri-fold school community council guide for 2015-16. He reminded us that his door is always open. He stressed his and the faculties interest in students improving and doing better by finding new tools to improve their success. The parents, teachers and a great community are a big part of this success too.
5. Next we looked over Pleasant Grove High School's comparison data with 20 schools that are similar. Similar schools are defined by using a statistical approach based on PVA Polytopic Vector Analysis. All test results showed PGHS in the top five for testing and growth this year in mathematics, science, and language arts. The question was brought up of how this is being accomplished. Along with our teachers who are doing a great job to help the students, there are some great programs in place to help as well. One of these being the "mathletes" program. These are students that do well with math and are paired up through the teachers with students that need extra help in math.
6. We looked over the PACE report card which shows how prepared the students are for college and career readiness, ACT scores, college credit, SAGE tests, and graduation rates. Pleasant Grove High School is at a 93.64% graduation rate!! The report includes the school demographics.
7. Next we discussed H.B. 213 Keeping our Students Safe Online. This law was written because it was felt that the schools need to be more vigilant in training our students and keeping them safe. The idea in this new program is to help students become good "Digital Citizens" by being appropriate, responsible, having healthy behavior related to technology use, including digital literacy, ethics, etiquette and security. HB 213 has asked that community councils play a more active role in this important work. We discussed the safety program that is in place at the school for online safety at this time. Each device is purchased through the district and has its own address. We are all aware that kids are very good with the computers and some know more than we do. If there is a breach in the security, sometimes students will let administrators know. If students are caught by the administration with a breach, they are let know they are being watched. This usually fixes the problem for those students. When there is abuse, the student is talked to along with their parents and their use of the internet is suspended. We discussed another problem. Sometimes the security is so tight at the school that it becomes frustrating to the students and they will use their own phones or devices with their own data. This is where the parents need to play a big role in teaching their kids to be good digital citizens. Students are taught internet safety all through their school years starting in

elementary school. The high school has assemblies and in classes they go through internet safety before they use the computers.

The question came up about cyber bullying. The school gets students that report what they feel is cyber bullying and will talk with the students involved and try to help them resolve it. Sometimes the parents and even the police have to get involved.

Plan

The school will report to the community council each meeting the ongoing problems such as bullying, etc. at the school. We feel if we can identify the concerns, this will help us better know what we can do to be of help to the students, teachers and parents as a council.

It was also decided that two people from the council, Amanda and Cristie, will propose ideas at our next meeting of how we can be of more help in promoting more awareness. (Refer to the questions on pages 2 & 3 of the agenda from our meeting and the handout from the district keeping our students safe online H.B. 213)

8. The last item was from Lauri Stringer in the counseling department. She wanted our ideas as parents for what type of advertising works best for reminders of college week, especially college day for the seniors. We liked the post card sent to the parents, and putting it in the news letter. Emails with a specific title was suggested, and possibly texts. She also asked for ideas to get more parents to attend the CCR's with their students. It was discussed to keep it how it is with appointments in the day, and a possible sign up for an evening, for those not available in the day time.
9. Our next meeting will be on November 4, 2015 at noon. Don't forget to VOTE that day!
We will be discussing:
Trust land
Data reviews
10. In attendance: Tim Brantley, Mark Clements, Darlene Sweeten, Lauri Stringer, Doug Meek, Cori Thomas, Heather Downs, Cheryl Williams, Cristie Wood, Amanda Siebert, Cindy Hill, Niels Fugal