

PGHS Community Council Minutes
January 2016

1. We met on January 6, 2016 at the high school, Mark conducted.
2. Mark sent us the minutes from November 2015 to read in advance and he brought copies to this meeting. Tim made a motion to approve the minutes and Heather seconded it. The vote was unanimous to approve the minutes.
3. Mark mentioned that Microsoft has figured out a way of offering some of their employees to teach classes at local high schools. They wouldn't have teaching certificates however Microsoft does it for free because they care about the kids. It helps connect the students with good jobs after high school. Tim knows how it works. If that is of interest to our school Mark is willing to help with that. Kori mentioned some needs.
4. Amanda reported on digital citizenship. She said that it was going well. The articles in the school newsletter have been posted and it is going great. Mark mentioned that he went to a training on digital citizenship training and found that what we are doing is exactly what they want us to be doing. Tim said it is ok to continue the excellent program Amanda and Cristie have started. Amanda mentioned she would love some help with it. Mark assigned Amanda to direct the efforts and asked her if she would give others on the community council assignments to help her. Tim said Amanda has done a good job of being short and brief so that people will read it. The key is to keep it in front of people so they will pay attention to it. Mark also mentioned we should try to take advantage of the national PTA digital citizenship week in October this year, during red ribbon week.
5. Bullying Report:
Kori Thomas updated us on any bullying since we last met.
One thing that did come up was something with twitter.
A few kids set up what is called a twitter poll, where kids would go vote. At our school and all over, students started setting up polls through twitter that were really really mean. Some of the polls included sexual preferences, sexual activity, all kinds of different things with some being very horrible. These are done anonymously, so the school made announcements to the student body about this and offered a reward to anyone who could tell the administration who is doing the twitter polls. After no response Tim visited with the seminary principle and asked him to talk to all the kids in seminary. The faculty all met and then talked to the kids about it, and let them know that by just being curious and voting to see the results they were hurting other kids. They started getting some help. Our officer got involved to serve warrants to phone companies to get the names of the kids. The kids were found and were charged. There have not been any bullying reports since this twitter incident.
A big thank you to our administration for their diligent efforts in getting on top of these things and taking care of them in a timely manner.
6. It was discussed that as a community council we should vote on our greatest concerns for upgrades at the school and then voice it to our board member. It is good to have our voices heard and not just from the administration.
7. Laurie Stringer – Counseling
Class changes going on right now. They are starting the Jr CCR's. Registration starts the first part of March. All is going well.
8. Mark shared the data from the training he attended.
PGHS' numbers look good. Mark will forward the link to us.

The question was brought up as to why biology scores are low. Which they are across the board in the district. It was mentioned that it might be because it is a required class, and not just the students that love science.

In looking at the numbers it was discussed that we want to continue putting trust land funds toward our advocates. Heather shared some personal experiences and feedback she has had with students that make her job worthwhile. Mark invited Heather to let us know if there is anything we as a community council can do to help more with their efforts. In the fall we can have them report to us again at a community council meeting how things are going.

9. In attendance: Mark Clements, Darlene Sweeten, Amanda Siebert, Cristie Wood, Heather Downs, Kori Thomas, Tim Brantley, Doug Meek, Laurie Stringer, Niels Fugal
Excused: Cristie Wood

10. Next meeting February 3, 2016 at noon at the high school.

Items for discussion in February

- 1) What do we feel as a group is highest priority on seismic concerns at the school? Come up with a plan for voicing it.
- 2) Digital citizenship community council assignments. (Amanda)
- 3) Look at using some funds for biology and Secondary Math I to bring scores up in those areas.
- 4) Discuss any needs for our advocates.