
PGHS Community Council Minutes -November 2016

1. We met on November 9, 2016 at the high school. Cristie conducted.
2. Cristie welcomed everyone and introduced new people, and visitors. She gave a congratulations shout out to Mark for his win to be on the Alpine School Board. She also recognized other local things that passed yesterday in the election.
3. Our meeting in October we had visitors from the ASD board, PGHS PTA, and Assistant Superintendent. The minutes are attached to the bottom of the agenda today. Mark made a motion that we approve the minutes from the October meeting. Heather seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to approve the minutes.
4. Cristie wanted to make sure we know how important it is that each person be heard in our meetings. Everyone's thoughts are welcome and then a motion can be made. To make sure this happens she wants to make sure we are following the "Roberts Rules of Order" when there is something we are discussing that needs a motion. Mark motioned that we all agree to this and Garth seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. We received a paper that makes the rules clear and Cristie and Mark will make sure to go over any additional information about it.
5. School Plan:
Cristie went over the 2016-2017 school plan, reminding us that all of our goals need to fit within a certain structure to spend the trust lands money. She passed out a paper and read it to us. It lists each goal, what was spent and what happened. We need to have a new set of goals for the 2017-2018 year by March so we need to really start thinking about it.
6. Student visitors:
Kate Porter and Katy Hollis were invited to join our meeting as the first students to be part of our school community council meeting for student input! They were very prepared with questions, suggestions and things that are going well.

They mentioned that there are two AP government classes and they each have about 39 students in them, so they are concerned about them. Students don't have assigned seating because they barely fit into the room. Mark mentioned that it is important to write our legislatures thank you notes and asked the two girls to help with making a note of how the classes are so awesome that we are bursting at the seams, and how it's making a difference to them, and to the superintendent.

They would love to see more engineering choices, or at least making the engineering choices more known to the students of the classes available. Mark and Cristie suggested that the girls talk to other students in other schools and see if there are some positive things going on in the district that we could learn from and implement, and seeing if there are some math/engineering type classes out there and what they look like. Also suggested was them helping publicize some of these options to other students and even through the student council.

They talked about the opportunity for our students to have an auto mechanic course. It was discussed that there is a way for students to take the course at other schools in the district. There are a number of classes that can be taken at other schools.

They are concerned about the auditorium and the seismic issues. Holes in the walls, not enough room for things in the back, etc. Mark suggested they take pictures of their concerns, especially during a concert and get those to the superintendent.

They like having technology in the classrooms. It saves them a lot of time to not have to go to the computer lab.
7. Steve Stewart discussed how the SCC functions and their part in deciding where the trust land funds go.
8. Kori Thomas handed out papers with PGHS Student Advocate Duties, and Graduation Rates. Our three advocates have a huge job. It lightens the load for the counselors and the administration greatly, they have picked up a more nurturing roll and they are doing a fantastic job. Graduation rates are going up and there is room for some improvement as well.
9. Laurie Stringer, from counseling, talked to us about the 18 AP classes the school offers. The AP classes are all full and fully utilized and they can always use more of them. Five of them are funded by trust land funds. She is seeing a difference in the students because of the trust land funds and what they are used for.
She also discussed the effort to make things for the future of these students a lot clearer at a lot younger age than we used to. For instance; what is an associate's degree, what options there are, etc.
10. Heather Downs gave us a report along with a proposal for East Shore Classroom. The majority of students in her class are students needing to do packets to be able to graduate. She passed out a paper with all of the numbers on it. She discussed the needs to make the program and equipment updated and functioning better.
Mark made a motion and Doug seconded that we allocate additional trust land funds to purchase new lap tops for the East Shore class room. Also, to change the designation in the wording for future technology to be named technology instead of the specific name of the equipment. It was voted to unanimously approve these two proposal
11. Our next meeting will be on January 4, 2017 at noon.
12. In attendance: Steve Steward, Cristie Wood, Mark Clements, Andrea Motto, Kori Thomas, Doug Meek, Heather Downs, Kate Porter, Katy Hollis, Laurie Stringer, Garth Lovell, Niels Fugal, Darlene Sweeten

Action Items Approve the minutes from September. Come in January with ideas in discussing school plan goals for next year.