

Hillcrest Jr. High School

School Community Council Minutes

March 19, 2015



Members Present: Michelle Jaques, Michelle Smith, Jodi Fait, Missy Rose, Jane Haight, Jennifer Covington. Excused: Danni Eisert, Anita Longhurst

1. Welcome
 - a. Missy Rose – Vice Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.
 - b. There were no minutes to review from our meeting on February 19 because we our meeting consisted of touring the new school.
2. Update: Budget
 - a. Mrs. Covington went over the expenditures incurred since our meeting on January 29, 2015.
3. Library Books
 - a. Mrs. Covington reported that our school library is in need of science, technology and fiction books. The librarian has been working on weeding out books that are out-of-date or no longer have correct information. This has led to a decline in books in our library. Mrs. Covington propose we allocate \$5,000 of School Land Trust Money for library books
 - b. A question was asked about who would review the books purchased or if there was a committee that reviewed these books. Mrs. Covington report that the school librarian would order these books from Follett Library Services which sells books to all schools. Ms. Haight reported that she know Ms. Mathew's reviews her book selections carefully.
 - c. A question was asked about eBooks. Mrs. Covington reported that the school librarian would be going to a library-media conference the next day and she would have her check on that. After the conference the school librarian reported that most school libraries are not purchasing eBooks at this time because the licensing ends 12 months after purchase. At the end of that time, the license must be renewed. This is a costly recurring expense that is difficult for schools to absorb. The attendees at the conference were encourage to wait on purchasing eBooks for schools until the publishers can work out a better licensing system.
 - d. Ms. Fait asked about donations and said she would be more than willing to help with getting that started.
 - e. A motion was made by Michelle Jaques to allocated \$5,000 of School Land Trust money from the 2014-2015 budget to purchase books for the library. The motion was seconded by Jane Haight and approved by the council 6/6.

4. Technology

- a. Mrs. Covington reported that the new school will have 2 open computer labs. Mobile labs will be used for the school as well. Mrs. Covington reported that in the 2014-2015 School Land Trust Plan money was allocated to purchase 35 laptop computers. Mrs. Covington asked the committee to consider purchasing 55 (rather than 35 which was in our original plan) Dell Latitude 3340 Computers at \$501.83 each for a total of \$27,930.65. Because of volume purchasing being done for the new school, the cost of the laptops has been reduced thus allowing us to purchase more without additional cost.
- b. There was some discussion on purchasing iPads, Kindles, or other mobile devices instead of laptops. Mrs. Covington reported that current SAGE State Testing cannot be done on these devices and must be done on a laptop or desktop computer. The council decided to look into the option of possibly purchasing different types of mobile devices in the 2015-2016 school year and staying with a laptop purchase this year.
- c. A motion was made by Michelle Smith to purchase 55 Dell Latitude 3340 Laptop Computers out of School Land Trust money from the 2014-2015. The motion was seconded by Jane Haight and approved by the council 6/6.

5. School Land Trust Plan 2015-2016

- a. Mrs. Covington presented a draft form of the 2015-2016 School Land Trust plan. The council was asked to look over it. A meeting date will be set in April to finalize this plan.

6. Other

- a. Mrs. Covington announced that AP Human Geography will be offered to 9th graders for 2015-2016 school year. This will give students a chance to accelerate by taking a college-level course if they desire.

Next Meeting: Mrs. Covington will send out an online Doodle request regarding the next meeting in April to review and approve the School Land Trust Plan.