Community Council Minutes 10/6/25

Lisa Larson was nominated as Parent President Representative by Justin Keate.
Jana Fullmer seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed

Vote on rules of procedure - listed online. All in favor.

Explanation of Trust lands funds - DHHS is using money for more teachers or people to help reduce class sizes. Also using additional teachers for co-taught classes.
Use funding for chromebooks
Jana Fullmer suggested using money for teachers to stay after school for tutoring.

Discussion on academic goals:
DHHS has been focused on student engagement and engaged in learning which turned into compliance:

- Clarity in learning targets
- Writing learning goals on the board in the classroom so each student knows what they're doing.

This year's goal is to show models of proficiency:
What "A" work looks like - showing examples
Secondary goal - selecting worthy content to be taught. Teachers are asked, "Why did you choose the work your students are doing today?"
Students should be able to say why they're doing what they're doing in class.

Discussion about online classes vs in person classes.
Justin is going to track students taking online classes and compare ACT scores from 9th grade to see if students taking online classes improve or not. Hopefully this will encourage in person classes instead of online classes.

Future discussion suggestions by Liz Jagard- A day and B day schedule, dress code compliance

Dismissal

Community Council 2/2/26
In attendance:
Liz Jagard, Lisa Larson, Ellen Slade, Brielle Brosier, Jana Fullmer, Cari Bangerter, Justin Keate.
Absent Saysha Nielson and Patrick Dunlavy.

President Called to order at 3:20pm.. Turned the time over to Principal Justin Keate.

Justin Keate has asked to vote on how many meetings the Community Council would like to hold a year. A unanimous vote for 2 a year was voted on. There will be an additional meeting this year due to last minute changes and instructions with reporting. The council was in agreement. Justin informed the council that the District leaves it up to the Council to determine when to meet.

New Changes and guidelines for Trust Lands Funds: You can not spend money on a permanent status teacher.
Monies have to be tied to a student learning goal for the school.
District/ State School Board said that our alternatives are a bit of a stretch for student learning goals.
The district suggests to focus on Math, Science, and English classes.

Justin mentioned an English teacher is wanting to go part time. Due to the last minute District instructions, Justin does not have a presentation or spreadsheet to vote on. We will have another meeting to vote on this.

If a new hire applies for the English position, we could budget for in Trust Lands, but if we have some internal transfers, which would be a permanent status teacher, that could not be budgeted.
Staffing with the district is Feb 12, and Justin will have a better idea on what to present and have ready.

We will meet again on the 23rd of Februrary at 3:15pm.

Justin wants to answer any questions that you have and inform you about everything he does know.

Jana Fullmer wants to know if there is any way to bark up the tree about spending issues. If the council agrees to spend money on an item and the District says no, who do we go to? Can't best practices be better than what the district sees on paper? Joann Brinton is our state school board and in our area. Council was advised that they can speak with the state school board.

Justin's Trust Funds plan is to budget for an English Teacher. He also wants to fund some extra 7th's in the core classes. (Buying a prep period)
Carrying over $8,423 from last year.
Allocation is $241,778.00 The one English teacher will cost about $110,000.00

Justin will have to $33,000.00; .29 of a counselor for a 4th counselor.
Anything left over will be technology, such as chromebooks.
Elizabeth Jagard: Are Chrome books even necessary? Justin said yes, they only have a 5 year life plan.

TSSA spending plan is
Allotment $ 359,000.00
Carry over from last year is more than 10%. Justin has to write a letter on why we had 10% or more to the state board. We budgeted money for a secretary for the Teen Center Room. Also we budgeted for a resource para. The district paid for our teen center room secretary. We have not been able to hire a resource aide. No one has applied.
We have funded a .5 of a counselor that is shared with Crimson Middle School. She is our CCR counselor.

Parent Teacher Conference low attendance issues? Jana Fullmer stated that since we have real time Powerschool and Canva, we can meet or talk as needed.
Lisa Larson stated that at high school age, my kids can meet with their teachers themselves if they have any issues.
Elizabeth Jagard needed it so that she could sit and fight for her students 504. She is wondering if the parents that we really need ever come. Justin, Brielle state that it is a no! We are not seeing the parents that we need at Parent Teacher Conference.
Lisa suggests having a scholarship table out at Parent Teacher or Back to School Night.

Ellen Slade mentioned that the teachers at PTC were helpful for her on providing the other classes that the student should take next. Maybe that's what we should focus on.

Counsel brainstormed having our PTC next week be Advertised as ACT Info, Scholarship Info, Counselors present, Honors Diploma Explanation, teachers display What's Next classes, possibly bringing tech colleges in.
The meeting closed at 4:15pm.

Adjourned until Feb 23rd at 3:15pm.