

Centennial Community Council Minutes

Thursday, April 20, 2017

Present: Martin Hardy, Mara Hammer, Virginia Allred, Cindy Jenkins, Wendy Barlow, Kathryn McKenzie, Tanya Bird, Marcie Hayes, Linda Francis, Kellie Robb, Shanna Barker, Jill Smith, Michele Duncan, Steve Kemp

- Centennial students continue to do well on their grades, with the average GPA for 7th graders at 3.59; 8th graders at 3.42; 9th graders at 3.50.
- Next year we will have 2 more portables and possibly 5 additional new teachers. 1540 students are currently registered, but anticipate many more through new move-ins this summer.
- Ms. Cerissa Thompson is our new principal. She currently serves as an assistant principal at Davis High School.
- The district has requested that Centennial evaluate their current bell schedule and class schedule so as to bring us by the 2018-2019 school year onto a 4x4 or 5x5 class schedule. We will be looking for community input on this next year.
- We recently had a crepe truck and a taco truck come for cultural activities in French and Spanish. It went mostly well, except after the Taco Truck event, broken glass from the soda bottles was found all over the school property and along the bike trail. It took several hours for the custodians to get that cleaned up. Unfortunately, as a result, we might not be able to continue to offer that opportunity to students.
- Ms. Thompson would like the assistant principals to play a larger role on the both the PTSA and community council next year. We would also like the PTSA president-elect to be included on the community council. A community council chair will be elected before the end of this school year to help with the transition. Election of new members will occur in September. We ideally hope for 2-3 representatives from every elementary feeder neighborhood. Some current members will be leaving. Other members who are willing to stay for next year are Kathryn McKenzie and Cindy Jenkins (Endeavor); Steve Kemp, Marcie Hayes and Wendy Barlow (Snow Horse), Michele Duncan (Columbia), Linda Francis (Kay's Creek), Mara Hammer (Heritage), Virginia Allred (upcoming PTSA president).
- We have spent about 85% of our Trustlands budget this year, primarily for technology including two new portable labs and updating microphones, and professional development and math tutors and remediation classes. We feel these things have been very beneficial to all students and helped us achieve the goals in our school improvement plans.
- Next year Trustlands funding will increase about 30%, up to approximately \$140,000.

- A lot of time was spent reviewing and discussing our goals from this year, and discussing the goals for next year's school improvement plans. Those plans can be found on Centennial's website under the community council link, and then the plans, finances and reports page.
- Our current focus has been on increasing SAGE writing scores and reducing deficit credit, training for staff as part of the fair evaluation process, and creating a process to maintain technology and increase access. Next year we hope to focus on school-wide growth, more focus and training with collaborative teams and blended learning, and the use of technology to increase the quality, quantity and type of student participation.
- A lack of sidewalks, crosswalks and signs continues to be a problem, especially in the area from Old Mill Lane to Sunset. The city is willing to put some of this in, if the community will raise half of the cost \$100,000. For now, we would like to see a serious traffic study done of the area, and remind students to stay on the bike path and cross Sunset with the Crossing Guard. Drivers need to be vigilant and careful as they drive through that area.

Next Meeting: May TBA