

School Community Council Meeting Minutes - November 14, 2023, 3:00 PM PJHS Library

Parties Present: Kevin Mecham, Katie Miller, Travis Young, Laura Wright, Zulma Farnworth, Allison Booth, Stephanie Riggs, Tim Mendenhall, and Jen Gasser

Parties Absent: Tammy Halcrow

Matters Discussed:

- Pledge of Allegiance led by Laura Wright.
- Presentation of Data Review given by Jen Gasser
 - Attendance: A question was asked about what we are doing for tardies this year. We explained that teachers and staff perform hall sweeps between each period. Students found in the hall without a hall pass are escorted back to their classroom. We also explained the hall pass system with the times they are allowed to take a hall pass, the no hall pass list, and Zen Den hall passes. We also discussed how attendance laws have changed in recent years and we use Nebo Attendance Court. The question of how many absences before we can send them to youth court was asked. We explained that we haven't used the youth court for attendance but are willing to look at it.
 - Grades
 - End-of-Level Testing
 - Panorama: A question was asked if students take the Panorama Survey seriously. We talked about how some do but many do not. It really depends on how the teacher sets it up.
- Purchase of Reading Assessments: We discussed Capti and how we plan to use it. We explained that it has 5 sub-tests that are about 10 minutes long each and will help teachers narrow down where students need more targeted reading instruction.
 - A question was posed about the class we offer called The History of Rock and Roll and if it is hard. We explained that the class itself is not hard but students are assigned homework everyday - listening to a song and writing a brief write up - and students do not like doing the homework so some get failing grades from it.
- Review of District SCC Meeting:
 - Jen and Zulma: During the district meeting, the superintendent went over the new high schools. He showed floor plans and explained the improvement of each building. He also discussed the cost associated with building. A few parents posed questions about learning and how we are addressing learning gaps and testing scores. There was a brief discussion on
- Term 1 Reward: We have done away with movie rewards. This year we are doing random early lunch tickets. Students who have less than 3 tardies and absences are given a random early lunch. We do first and second lunch on separate days where students are not given advanced warning. Students who stay in receive extra help. Allison Booth complimented PJHS and the way we handle rewards. She likes the way we have rewards set up.

- Items from the Council: We canceled the December meeting. We will resume on January 9, 2024.

Votes Taken:

Motion to Adjourn: Kevin Mecham
Second to the motion: Laura Wright

Next meeting will be January 9, 2024