

Hillcrest Jr. High School

School Community Council Minutes

January 19, 2017



Present: Angela Elwell, Anita Longhurst, Daren Rasmussen, Ken Williams, Missy Rose, Megan Orme, Jennifer Covington. Excused: Deb D'Ambrosio, Quan Ngo-Thai

1. Review of Budget
 - a. Mrs. Covington provided a copy of the expenditures-to-date and went over it with the council
2. 8th Grade Digital Literacy requirement for the 2018-2019 school year
 - a. Mrs. Covington told the council that the State Board of Education has a new required class coming on board for the 2018-2019 school year for all 8th graders called Digital Literacy. Mrs. Covington reported that there has been some discussion at the state level regarding schools opting out of this course for a year but to her knowledge, Murray School District would not be opting out. Mrs. Covington had a copy of the standards available to view. Discussion among the council was that this class would be a benefit for students.
3. Review of Mid-Year
 - a. Mrs. Covington discussed how the school was doing at the mid-year point.
4. School Land Trust Plan 2017-2018
 - a. Mrs. Covington discussed that School Land Trust money had been used to purchase Chromebook carts for use in the classroom. She told the council that the following teachers currently had them in their room: Ms. Halverson (English), Ms. Park (Science), Ms. Parker (History/Geography), Ms. Rindlisbacher (Math), Ms. Rose (Math), MS. Thurman (Science), and Mr. Stone (English). Ms. Rose shared how the students are engaged when using them. The council question whether LAN school was being used to monitor student use on the Chromebooks. Mrs. Covington said at this time teachers were monitoring their use in the classroom but that she would look into getting LAN School installed. The council questioned whether these could be used for SAGE testing and Mrs. Covington confirmed that they could and would be.
5. Priorities for 2017-2018
 - a. Mrs. Covington asked the council to begin thinking about priorities they would like to see in the 2017-2018 School Land Trust plan. The council suggested a survey be given to teachers to see what would be most beneficial to them. Mrs. Covington will administer that survey and report the findings to the council at the March 2 meeting.
6. Questions/Concerns/Comments

Next Meeting: March 2, 2017