

Community Council

MEETING

Centennial Middle School 2013-2014 School Community Council

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Centennial Middle School Community Council Meeting September 30, 2013

THE CENTENNIAL COMMUNITY COUNCIL MET ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2013, AT 1:30 P.M. IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE CONFERENCE ROOM.

THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL MEMBERS WERE IN ATTENDANCE AT THE MEETING:

Mitch Swenson, Principal	Sharon Bradford, Parent
Tiffany Olson, Chair	Tonia Fraser, Teacher Rep.
Katie Geary, Vice Chair	Loni Thurston, Parent

MINUTES OF OCTOBER 23, 2012

1) COUNCIL NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS:

It was proposed that Tiffany Olson serve as the SCC Chair for the 2013-14 school year and that Katie Geary serve as

Vice-Chair for the same period. Members of the Council voted unanimously in favor of this proposition.

2) WELCOME AND DVD: MITCH SWENSON, PRINCIPAL

Those in attendance watched a video, “*Touch the Future*”, on the purpose of the school community council and the use of trust land money. This video provided basic training and information regarding where the money comes from, how it is to be used, and what is required of the council throughout the year. The new laws do not require that all videos be shown every year.

3) SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN DISCUSSED:

Last year’s council voted to continue to use the entire sum of trust land money allotted to pay for 3 all-day academic support aides who are used primarily in math and science classrooms where intervention is needed. In addition to having these aides, the school has math, science, and language arts support classes available to students who need extra time in these subjects. These classes are generally smaller classes that pre-teach concepts to students on a more individualized level, allowing them to be more familiar with the concepts when they are introduced in their regular classes. The school also provides plus time during school hours for those students who need additional help or need to make up assignments. After school help is also available but traditionally it has been challenging to provide help to all of the students who need it because many either can’t or choose not to stay. These resources and others have dramatically improved the success and scores of many of the students at the school.

4) Reviewed Trust Lands Proposal:

All money was allocated to hiring academic support aides for this school year. This money was supplemented by the school. Improving scores in the areas of math and science was deemed the greatest academic need in the school. Centennial is now in its 4th year of using trust land money to pay for these aides and the school feels (and scores indicate) that this has been a very successful program.

The money is not enough to provide for aides in all classes that could benefit from such assistance during all periods. The council discussed the possibility of seeking parent volunteers to fill the gaps. Concerns were raised that some teachers may not be able to use the aides effectively, and/or that volunteers must be reliable and dedicated, willing, and able to teach math or science concepts directly to the students. Mitch and Tonia will discuss the various options and provide a list of which teachers could use the additional academic support. Sharon and Loni will spread the word through the parent community of the need for academic support volunteers.

5) Other Items:

State Community Council training is available online and through a training held on October 15th. The training is available to anyone interested in attending.

District Community Council training will be held October 8 at 1:00 p.m. at the District PDC. Mitch, Tiffany, and Katie will attend this training.

6) Next Meeting:

Community Council meetings are scheduled for the following dates:

1) Tuesday, November 12, 2013, 10:15 a.m.

2) Tuesday, January 14, 2013, 10:15 a.m.

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