

CENTENNIAL MIDDLE SCHOOL
COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 22, 2016 12:10 P.M.

THE CENTENNIAL MIDDLE SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL MET ON MONDAY FEBRUARY 22, 2016 AT 12:10 A.M. IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE CONFERENCE ROOM. THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL MEMBERS WERE IN ATTENDANCE AT THE MEETING:

Gaye Gibbs – Principal

Erin Radandt – Vice Chairman

Katie Geary – Chairman

Rhonda Wall – Council Member

(Linda Freeze-school secretary/taking notes) *For any handouts given in this meeting - contact Linda Freeze*

Katie Geary began the meeting by welcoming everyone and thanking them for attending. She also welcomed Becky Brien-parent for attending the meeting. Katie made a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting on January 23, 2016. Rhonda seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

Gaye lead a discussion of Chapters 4 & 5 in the book "What Effective Schools Do".

Chapter 4 Strong Instructional Leadership: If a school's mission changes, the organization needs an individual who will be an effective leader. A leader who can create commitment and buy into the new mission and help the staff change tactics, strategies and behaviors to advance the organization towards the new mission. Someone said they liked the concept in the chapter that talked about of the role of the principal becomes a leader of leaders, rather than a leader of followers. The leader's greatest contribution to the school and community is to share a vision that all can commit to and be guide by. Also pointed out was that *trust* in a leader is the cornerstone of effective leadership and change. Poor communication was cited as the factor leading to mistrust of leaders. In conclusion of this chapter, they pointed out in order to be effective the principal must function as an effective instructional leader. Schools need leaders that have a passion for the learning mission.

Chapter 5 Clear and Focused Mission: In the effective school, thru collaboration, staff focuses on what is successful learning for all students. An analogy was given about horses and horsepower. Maximum output from the team happens only when all the horses are pulling the wagon the same direction. And so it is with the school community. Gaye commented about how CMS teachers are reading & learning together. The 'push factor' was brought up for

discussion. The push factor is highlighted by those adult behaviors that challenge, stretch, and motivate students and convey a “you can do it” attitude.

The core value statements in Chapter 5 were important to everyone. Examples of core value statements include:

- All members of the school community deserve respect.
- Trust is critical to the success of the school.
- Cooperation is essential.
- Optimism about people, education, and the future is key to academic success.

NEXT MONTH: Assignment is to read Chapters 6 & 7.

Review Mid Year Data: Gaye reported that the 7th and 8th graders Sage scores were great. The review is good. We are tracking students to see where they are and what help they need. Utah Compose is being used in our English classes. All English classes are using the same template. We are more aware of where students are and what they need. We are getting feedback from students about where they are and how they are doing. Data will improve. Systems put in next year will help tremendously.

Identify Greatest Academic Need: Our greatest academic need is having more students passing at every level. Reading Plus needs more money to increase licenses. It has been very successful. We need more chrome books to run Reading Plus. Our Study Hall Class also needs more chrome books. Chrome book labs cost about \$15,000.00 per lab.

Gaye discussed a handout “Compelling Reasons for Change”. This is included in these minutes.

SB38: State Bill that is trying to get passed. It will take federal money away from high schools and give it to Chapter Schools. A copy of this proposed bill is included in these minutes. Please talk to friends and neighbors about opposing it.

Other items for consideration: Check with Joe Rankin from the District Office on the balance in the Trustland account.

NEXT MEETING: MONDAY MARCH 28, 2016 12:10 p.m. @CMS