

PHS Community Council
January 11, 2011

Welcome and Introductions

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Garver and introductions were Members in attendance Jeff Schoonover, Marsha Judkins, Rebecca Harvey, Lillian Fodermaier, Micheal Heninger, Lisa Thomas, Jill Murdock, Lorraine Adams, Sarah Walker (Americorp Intern), Kevin Garver, Linda Taylor, Nanette Theobald, Mary Ann Christensen attended as a Board Member

Mrs. Gledhill asked if it was true that Freshman could go to Independence and if that money could be re-allocated. This year, the money is still encumbered with Aids, so not

Last year's funding was \$72,506.00, Mr. Schoonover indicated that we will most likely have the same for next year.

Mrs. Judkins explained the ranking scale on the Request Score sheet that was used last year. Last year we had less requests, and so it was not as necessary.

Mr. Schoonover presented the proposals as numbered A thru P. The booklet has them ordered in the order that they were received. Mr. Garver indicated that from here forward they be considered as A thru P. The group would like to take them home and rank order them. The scoring sheet will be revised and mailed out to every one.

Mr. Garver expressed that one concern is that the funds have been used for year after year on proposals and that he would like to see them for start up money. Then if the principal finds that the need is ongoing it be considered for other funding sources Mrs. Thomas reminded the group that this might sway the funding towards things and not people. It was agreed that long term needs be looked at.

A. Secondary Math Aid, small group pull outs

B. Full time Math teacher to offset class sizes. Lorraine Adams stressed that this will address the rigorous new Common Core math Standards, which is currently being taught to only our lowest students. Mrs. Gledhill asked if the money would be perhaps better used for curriculum development. Mrs. Adams explained that this had been done in PLC's. The group discussed the difficulty of a curriculum that was not fully developed. Mrs. Gledhill expressed the concern that this was targeting the lower students, but Mrs. Adams said that this could alleviate class loads across the board. It is estimated that this could lower class loads by 6 or 7 students. Mrs. Theobald reminded the group of our at risk population has needs for this. There was a discussion of FTE allocations.

C Graphing Calculators. We currently rent out 120, but we are discontinuing this program, and these will become part of the classroom sets. The new common core requires the use of Graphing Calculators. There is a portion of the Math 1 that we are unable to teach this year because we don't have the calculators. Mr. Garver questioned how students could do the homework, and if students are not funding **invested if they would care for them, student**

accountability.

- D. Speech and Debate-request for funding for fieldtrips and coordinator. Debate is an English Credit.
- E. ESL Aid for the English Department Only/ books. The question was asked if this was for a single section or for across the board? Mrs. Judkins suggested that we consider a volunteer coordinator.
- F. ACT Prep Course. Help subsidize course fees and furnish new books.
- G. Request for ESL Aid. The District funds 1.25 this would pay for the rest of a second aid. Our current aids are being trained for the paperwork, unfortunately the district funding only covers the paperwork and no assistance for the students. In the past we have had 2.5 aids funded, but this year we are at 1.5.
- H. I PAD's/Cart there are currently 50 IPADS on a Grant.
- I. Teacher IPAD's 6 more for science so that they all have one.
- J. Apps for Science IPAD's The group would like to have more details on the Apps being considered.
- K. Miller Library-- 3 proposals Beehive Books, Novels, CD Books.
- L. English Mobile Computer Lab, would allow them to do more writing. Mr. Garver suggested that they consider a less expensive Mac. Mr. Schoonover indicated that it may be the a compatibility issue. Mr. Garver said he would be willing to be look into it. The group discussed that district might want to explore more usage of the cloud.
- M. Counseling "Bulldog Bang" . We have 650 new students each year. This would create a systematic way to connect with the school.
- N. Rutter's Readers. One on one reading program. A reading class is being explored.
- O. In School Suspension--we are currently using the Gateway Aids.
- P. Student/Parent Support Center Currently reaches about 700 students, and is a system that is working well.

Mrs. Gledhill and Mrs. Taylor expressed the need for Social Activities for the PUPS.

Mr. Garver encouraged us to consider creative solutions for a school wide basis. It was discussed that we would accept new proposals. New proposals could come in during the next 3 weeks. If the new proposals come in Mr. Garver will make sure that they go out.

Mr. Garver asked that Mrs. Christensen carry back our concerns the state is mandating things such as the Common Core without funding.

Next meeting: February 8, 2012