

School Community Council Minutes  
March 16, 2016

- I. Welcome: Justin calls the meeting to order – unanimous
- II. Proposal Discussions

**A. Sinda talks about math aides:**

- 1. Sinda shows how in the majority of the classes she is in 70% of the students pass math but she has some class where 80%-90% of the class passes
- 2. She gives treats out as an incentive to get the kids to pass their classes. If they just pass math they get a small treat but if they pass all of their classes they get a big treat.

**B. Karen Brown goes over last week's discussion. She and Julie Hoffmann review what was decided last week**

- 1. Yes to: Digital Microscopes, ESL Aides, Math Aides, and Math Teacher
- 2. We would further discuss Freshman Mentor Program(FMP) and both Chromebooks requests
- 3. The Technology to Support Business and Hydroponic System proposals would not be funded because it did not fall under the improvement plan

**C. Karen informs the council**

- 1. She is willing to do the Concurrent Enrollment request. She will set it up as a scholarship and help fund it
- 2. The District thinks they can get funding for an additional school counselor for this coming school year, but if not, then possibly for the next school year. Because of this, the proposal is taken off the table.
- 3. She will provide the Surface Tablets with Stylus for 5 math teachers

**D. Lillian Shaw asks if the math teacher would be a full or ½ time teacher. Karen explains that it is to fund half a teacher and she does the other half. So we actually get a full teacher with the combined funding. She says that she can do it with a little less money, \$24,000. She can also reduce the math aides to \$30,000.**

**E. Lissette Blanchard says that we can also give a little and do the two ESL aides for less if we alternate intervention time and one period every other day, \$24,000.**

**F. Freshman Mentor Program (FMP)**

- 1. Some express how it is just too much money
- 2. Julie explains how she feels, since the program was changed this year from the original format it would be like comparing apples to oranges

3. Justin mentions that for the same amount we could hire an additional math teacher. The students are overwhelmingly asking for more math teachers.
4. Ben Jepsen asked what is being done about the teachers that are too busy for intervention. Karen explains that she and the rest of her administration is trying to work on that issue
5. Someone asked if intervention can be during the day but Karen explains that they have done that in the past but the same problem pops up. The kids that don't need intervention go to an enrichment activity but those activities are run by teachers. This teacher might be the one students are looking for during intervention. It's hard to come up with the perfect system.
6. Karen would like to see it happen one more year in the morning. We haven't done it long enough to see if it has improved the graduation rate.
7. Hillary Straga would like to see the program help only those students who need it. Others in the council agree. Karen explains that there is also a social aspect to it, as well as, an opportunity for leadership for the mentors. The students get to learn from each other.
8. Karen Bosco emailed Karen Brown to say that she agreed with what was discussed last time and would like to fund FMP for one more year but at a lower cost.
9. Justin asks for a motion. Lissette motions that FMP stays and Karen 2nds it. It stays with 3 nays
10. The council is willing to fund \$26,415

**G. ChromeBooks For Math & English**

1. The state has approved about \$9 million for Personalized Learning and Teaching Amendment. This might help with some technology needs. It must go to the voters so we need to advocate for it.
2. The council will fund one set of Chromebooks for both the Math and English departments: \$10,750 for math \$12,000 for English to include HDMI Projector
3. Marsha is hoping that more funding can come from the state's money through the voters

**III. Approved Proposals and Their Funding**

- A. Digital Microscopes: \$5,625**
- B. Two ESL Aides: \$24,000**
- C. FMP: \$26,415**
- D. One Chromebooks & Cart Math: \$10,750**
- E. One Chromebooks & Cart English & HDMI Projector: \$12,000**
- F. Three Math Aides: \$30,000**

**G. One Math Teacher: \$24,000**

**H. These proposals total: \$132,790**

**IV. Additional Funding**

**A. Lissette suggests that we do the same thing we did last year and give Karen the ability to take any additional funding and apply it to another Chromebook & Cart Set for the English department.**

**B. Erin makes a motion to do that and Justin 2nds it. It is unanimously approved.**

**C. The council wants to see a sold comparisons next year that shows how much FMP is really helping.**

**D. Sinda motions to adjourn the meeting and Justin 2nds it. Unanimously approved.**