

# Parowan High School Community Council Comprehensive Guidance/Advisory Committee

Date: February 10, 2016

Attendance: Ava Chamberlain, Janice Ruesch, Patti Vesely, Ben Johnson, Pat Benson, Jay Sissener  
Visitors: none

1. Called to Order: 2:50 pm
2. Approval of Minutes:
  - 2.1. Minutes were approved and corrected for Oct 7, 2015 Motion: Ava/2<sup>nd</sup>: Patti.
  - 2.2. Minutes were approved and corrected for Dec. 2, 2015 2<sup>nd</sup> Motion Patti/2<sup>nd</sup> Jay
3. **Math Scores Massachusetts:** Ben was at a meeting with the city youth council and while there he saw a study showing the results of comprehensive testing and the success that Massachusetts has had. It is known as the "Massachusetts Miracle". We are encouraged to look into this. It was noted that our overall scores have dropped a little. (It might have to do with the new Sage style testing.) He encouraged us to study and continue monitoring these test scores. We are still concerned about math attitudes that we are trying to change in our school and the difficulties in helping the students progress. We asked what we can do to help.
4. **Budget**
  - 4.1. Community council funding model is changing and Roy will fill us in next meeting.
5. **New Business**
  - 5.1. none
6. **Comprehensive Guidance/Advisory Committee**
  - 6.1. Snow day complication has been taken care of.
  - 6.2. Ava had the opportunity to help in Mr. Nielson's class and learned a lot about new applications of CCR criteria.
  - 6.3. Janice suggested that we include a lesson in CCR about dealing with college counselors, who usually respond differently than high school counselors, to help students have a smooth transition into college life.
7. **Member Comments**
  - 7.1. Jay stated that reading is a top priority in our education. This idea is supported by the amount of incarcerated individuals who cannot read. He stated his support of keeping reading a high priority.
  - 7.2. It was suggested that we let parents know resources to support the core math program as they help their students. Ava will take this to the next faculty meeting.
8. **Public Comments.**

8.1. Patti read a letter from Mark Fitzgerald, he asked if we were posting the minutes and dates of this meeting. Where this information is posted was reviewed. It was noted that the community counsel page be updated.

9. **Adjournment:** 3:43 pm Motion: Jay/2<sup>nd</sup>: Ava. Motion approved.

Next Meeting: March 23, 2016