

Parowan High School Community Council Comprehensive Guidance/Advisory Committee

Date: March 18, 2014

This is a Draft

Attendance: Ben Johnson, Roy Mathews, Patti Vesely, Ava Chamberlain, Pat Benson, Janice Ruesch, Jerry Vesely

Excused: Tyra Rice,

1. Called to Order: 2:47
2. **Correction and Approval of minutes** for February 18, 2014
 - 2.1. Corrections should read "Dave Mineer to assist in bully prevention training for parents."
 - 2.2. Motion: Ava /2nd: Roy approved
3. **Community Concerns:**
 - 3.1. **Nashville Tribute Band:** Parent gave Patti questions about the concert, implementation of ticket sales, and the affiliation with the LDS church, such as concerns about students being unduly pressed into religious teaching.
 - 3.1.1. "Posters?" Can after school activities be posted in school. Yes. Through community schools, groups can post when they use the buildings. Superintendent should approve all postings if they are not school based. Roy will clarify the guidelines for this standard.
 - 3.1.2. "Did an ICSD employee talk with students promoting the concert?" No. The committee stated they worked hard to keep it separate from the school.
 - 3.1.3. "Is any of the money raised at the event being donated to PHS?" No. All was worked through the PTSO account and will be used for the senior trip.
 - 3.1.4. "If the money is accepted it will send the message to the Christian students that it is discriminating against other beliefs." Not applicable in this situation.
 - 3.1.5. "A motion should be made to condemn and discourage any activity that makes a student feel bullied or belittled because of religious beliefs." Not necessary. Students who participated were given the chance to return tickets unsold and the committee helped them sell in their behalf so they were not "forced" to participate. There were ways put in place to put respect students and their individual beliefs.
 - 3.1.6. Patti expressed the fact that this concert made it possible for every student who wants to go on the senior trip to go. She appreciated this fact and that it served a great purpose. Jerry expressed the fact that he felt that his guests, of Christian faith not LDS, were uncomfortable because of the LDS based discussion at the concert. He felt more disclosure on the subject should have been made, influencing the presentation of the fund raiser. He did not object to the fundraiser, only that the presentation should have been a little different. Ben noted that the advertisement should have had a better disclosure with a statement separating the intention from the school. This is a way to improve.
4. **Open Issues:**
 - 4.1. **Community Council Elections:**

- 4.1.1. Discussion and approval of guidelines. Item 7 needs to be corrected to read "Keep in compliance with CC guideline of 2 parent majority. Keeping an ideal number of 10 with 6 parents /4 employees." Item 2 should state that "any wanting to participate must file a letter of intent and application with the school office. Those wishing to remain in office need to file also." Motion: Pat/2nd:Jerry approved
- 4.2. **Goals 2014-15:**
 - 4.2.1. We did not spend everything last year, we had a carry over. We need to be careful to use it all wisely, it shows that we do need and appreciate the funds. Next year's budget will very similar.
 - 4.2.2. Goal #1 not much change because we are going in the right direction. Corrected to read 45 min per day and \$787 per year.
 - 4.2.3. Goal #2 Late Start Wed becomes part of this goal. GPA's will be available by individual, group, and class.
 - 4.2.4. Motion to approve: Janice/ 2nd Patti approved
- 4.3. **Parowan Youth Council**
 - 4.3.1. Ben will be presenting to grades 8-12, a program of community involvement. It will be about their opportunity to be part of the Parowan Youth Council, a model community council with 5 youth council members and 1 youth mayor. They will be given assignments and report back to City Council, giving them a new opportunity for leadership training. First, they will look at the list of those interested and then Jim Shurtleff, Karriann Raddon, Roy Mathews, and Ben Johnson, will appoint officers. All interested will have assignments and tasks. This will also count on their service hours.
5. **New Business**
 - 5.1. **Bullying program:** April 9-16 Dave Mineer will be available for the training for the bullying training. We will ask him for April 9-10 6:30 pm in the Humanities. They want to call the program "Netiquette".
6. **Comprehensive Guidance/Advisory Committee**
 - 6.1. 95% attendance at CCR.
 - 6.2. Parents/student surveys presented. Please look at them at home.
 - 6.2.1. Great concern expressed over students not feeling safe on bus. Roy has turned this into the district and they are investigating the cause.
 - 6.3. Scheduling: new college classes being added and new online offerings for next year.
 - 6.4. Suicide prevention presentation went well. Viewed choking video. QPR technique is taught to kids, emphasizing the need to tell someone if you hear anyone contemplating suicide.
 - 6.5. Scholarship drives are in process. Newest is the "Levi Friday Scholarship".
 - 6.6. Cool to Care has been going well.
7. April, Ava, and Marie are doing more training on April 9th will report next meeting
8. **Budget:** We will be purchasing new calculators with remaining budget, 60.
9. **Member Comments**
10. **Public Comments.**
 - 10.1. We were questioned, by Mark Fitzgerald, as the o what will be done about students who are not happy with the school. We will examine results of the survey and continue to create awareness through this and existing programs to help the children.
11. **Adjournment:** 4 :29 Motion: Pat/2nd: Ava approved