

Parowan High School Community Council Comprehensive Guidance/Advisory Committee

Date: Oct 7, 2015

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

Visitors:

1. Called to Order: 2:54 pm
2. Welcome New/re-elected members
 - 2.1. Jerry and Patti Vesely, and Jay Sissener
3. **Election of Officers:** Motion made to keep all officers as constituted. Motion: Roy 2nd: Ava Approved.
 - 3.1. Chair: Ben Johnson
 - 3.2. Vice-Chair: Pat Benson
 - 3.3. Secretary: Janice Ruesch
4. **Meeting Schedule:**
 - 4.1. Meeting schedule needs to be posted by Oct 20, 2015. Meetings will be at 2:45, Dec 2, 2015. Jan 27, 2016. March 23, 2016, May 4, 2016
 - 4.2. This will be posted to the web site and we will connect it with Google invites.
5. **New Business**
 - 5.1. Roy was approached by the owner of My Place Restaurant. He needs a letter of acknowledgement from the school in order to serve alcohol at his business and it is located close enough to the school to require this. A discussion followed. We were concerned about it, but felt the convenience stores in town were more of a risk than the restaurant. But we felt that it was not such a concern to have us object to his getting his license according to the state laws.
 - 5.2. The question was asked about letting PE credits being given to PE type activities(drill team, etc). We are structured so that all 9th graders are taking their mandated PE courses at the same time. Other schools have other classes offered, that we do not have. Our structure helps keep these all in line. 2 credits of PE is all that is required but there is only ½ credit that could be done this way. In order to consider this a coach must be teaching certified. Concern has also been expressed about athletes who have to makeup PE absences on top of an athletic performance. Roy said this was an ongoing discussion and possibilities were being considered.
6. **Comprehensive Guidance/Advisory Committee**
 - 6.1. Ava needs feed back on:

- 6.1.1. Back to school night: The first question was about having it in the gym instead of the commons. Concern was expressed about losing people during the transition. Second question was about course disclosures. Do parents read them? The conclusion: The social aspect of back to school night is good. We like the opportunity for parent participation. The gym was much less crowded and comfortable. And the disclosures are good and need to be posted on website and parents need to have a copy to keep.
- 6.1.2. 7th Grade Orientation was changed a little. Time for meeting will be clearer. Tech training for parents was a success, helping them learn about teacher websites. Will extend it to older grades
- 6.1.3. CCR conference: Reports support efficiency and pleasantness. Spring CCR's will be based on registering for the next year.
- 6.1.4. Updates:
 - 6.1.4.1. Doing cool to care ambassador training. Good response to request for ambassadors. Lots of support and ongoing extension possibilities for the program.
 - 6.1.4.2. PSAT test is coming up
 - 6.1.4.3. Financial Aid night is Oct 14
 - 6.1.4.4. Senior reviews begin next week.
 - 6.1.4.5. Utah college application week is Nov 16-20. Looking for training opportunities. Ben suggested Gary Crowton of SUU.
 - 6.1.4.6. Regent Scholarship is being offered since we know have physics, though it doesn't fit very many students.
 - 6.1.4.7. Pornography assembly was deemed inappropriate by the superintendent so this will not be happening.
 - 6.1.4.8. Choking Game assembly will be given this year again because a few instances have arisen.

7. Budget:

- 7.1. We underspent our budget by 15%. We were asked why and since most of our money is spent on personnel, it is necessary to overestimate to protect their salaries. We need to account for spending it this year. Roy is looking at using it for training for teachers called DUFOR. He would like to use this carryover to pay for this. Ben would like to have a wish list from teachers to apply this carryover to next year. This idea was received well. Roy said he can set that up. Motion made by Pat to approve \$2800 for training. Pat seconded it. Motion carries.
- 7.2. Roy read stats to show that the things we have been doing to support our programs are helping our scores.

8. Member Comments

- 8.1. Jerry expressed concern about textbooks, figuring that we weren't buying as many, but they are still being used depending on subject.
- 8.2. Ben said that the Youth City Council's first meeting will be tomorrow afternoon. Sadie Mineer is mayor. Great amount of excitement is being shown.
- 8.3. Parowan expo will be Nov 3 at the new city office.

9. Public Comments.

- 9.1. . Is there anything we can do about getting more people involved? Patti posed this question. We discussed ways of encouraging volunteers.

10. **Adjournment:** 4: 14

Motion: Roy/2nd: Butch. Motion approved.

Next Meeting : Dec 2 .