

Feb 13 Community Council Minutes

In attendance:

Ron Sharp

Janna Fullmer

Dotty Walsh

Liz Jaggard

Ellen Slade

Beth Hasek

Ron - Minutes approval will be moved to next meeting in March because Krista isn't present

- FTE meeting held at the district
 - 2024-25 FTEs = 29.7987
 - 2025-26 FTEs = 27.4888
- FTEs dropped a bit. Fewer prep periods will be bought to save two teachers and the part-time Spanish teacher Jill Christian cannot be rehired next year.
 - DHHS might hire Jill if they need more Spanish section, but DHMS cannot hire another part-time or buy more preps.

Janna - Ms Wallace is retiring this year.

Ron - TSSA this year is \$201,761.94 and STL \$142,434.28

- STL
 - Extra preps to be bought: Morris, Bambrough, Rider, Joseph, Staheli
 - Staheli's position could be dropped in another year if FTEs continually drop because his full salary and benefits are paid for using STL \$
 - This year projected 900 students, next year 865 - the trend is dropping numbers every year.
 - Conference with Cheri Stevenson in June 2024 because of the anticipated numbers FTEs not aligning with the registered student numbers. District always waits until the last minute to send funding for buying preps (even the first days of school).
 - Most of STL is spend on teacher salaries
- TSSA
 - Paras, PBIS, stipends (math help currently to continue into next year, as well as add science and ELA help after school), and Chromebooks (all carryover funds)

Janna - Is there a way to tie study help stipends to BOY and EOY data to show improvement?

Ron - If scores increase at EOY this year, that will show improvement. Last year, science enhancement with Todd Burton increased 15/20 lowest science scores. We were used to having a strong Science Olympiad team which stopped this year because of state issues but will try to restart next year.

Ron - We also use \$10,000 on school of life where only about 50 students benefit per year

- 7/17 kids in each session benefit from the social / emotional support while the other kids are student leaders
- Janna, Dotty, and Ellen - Is it worth it? Is there a difference being made long-term? It's a lot of money for so few kids to benefit.

Janna - Is there any money for teacher professional development?

Ron - Sending one team to a conference costs about \$20,000

- Had to eliminate Dance Company class because of budgeting, still have Dance II. May try to bring back Dance Company if cost can be split three ways, but the priority is Spanish sections because dancers still have the options of Dance II, Drill Team, and Tempest Line. A musical theater class was proposed as a co taught theater/dance class, but there is no funding for it this year.
- February 28 - Trust Land plans and TSSA budgets are due to Cheri Stevenson
- Next meeting March 20 - go over STL and TSSA and vote.
 - The money goes quickly from teacher salaries to paras, it takes STL and TSSA funding really fast.
- Election process - All have served for 2 years. Janna will continue, Dotty will continue, Liz will continue. Ellen will not have a student at DHMS anymore and will not continue next year.
 - Middle school needs at least 6 parents each year. Election process will occur in August. Ron emails parents asking for interest, interested parties respond back, ballots and ballot box is set up in the front office, and parents vote for council members through the ballot.

Janna - Question about policy on gun threats - talking about guns "may get student expelled"

Beth - First day of school a student was suspended for talking about guns on social media

Janna - Wish other school were as hard / strict on threats as DHMS

Beth - District director of student services very proactive on threats and SRO Tyler Greenhalgh is great

Janna - Are the teachers happy?

Ron - Yes! DHMS presents at school board meeting in March about positive school culture. Ron plans to send email to parents asking for a few sentences about what they're grateful for at DHMS

Liz - A/B schedule change in district?

Ron - Yes, A days will be M/W and B days will be T/Th which will be interesting since sometimes there will be two B days in a row or two A days in a row.

Janna, Liz, and Ellen - express excitement - so good for high school schedules

Liz - ESL help? Need to complain about ESL program at an elementary school that isn't helping with student comprehension.

Ron - Randy Richardson at the district.

Liz - Read an article and will send it over about a school in Heber that had parents helping send roaming students back to classrooms and increased literacy skills, had a student reward system, parents had more access to resources, etc.

Ron - Story about Hispanic parent with daughter's phone - Very involved and supportive parents.

- Data reviews with core teams every month, recent data meeting about ELL scores dropped. On watchlist with district to ensure scores improve. Teachers received list of student names ELLs to work closely with.

Janna - Would it be helpful to have after school help for ELLs?

Ron - That subgroup is unlikely to attend

- Went to district SafeRoute meeting for 2 hours and only spent ten minutes related to DHMS because routes, lights, stop signs, etc. are so great (Brad Stewart is safety officer). Rest of the time was spent talking about other schools presentations.
- Thank you all for being here. Next meeting March 20.