

Comm Council Minutes Jan 11, 2024

In Attendance – James Judd, Erin Sabey, Miranda Taylor, Jennifer Potter, Dena Blood, Aaron Cheatwood, Jennifer Larsen, Yuri Jenson, Lindsie Luke, Anna White, Janalee Dorrity

Absent – Catherin Dalton, Alicia Talsma, Rebecca Tibbits, Kathryn North

Aaron Cheatwood made a motion to approve the Nov 2, 2023 minutes and Dena Blood seconded it. All in attendance agreed.

Jim started off by saying that the counselors have developed a way to track a lot of student data which has been very useful. He then turned the time over to Lindsie Luke in the counseling department. Lindsie talked about how the students can scan a QR code if they would like to be called down. The counselors had 672 appointments between Sept and December. They have started a new procedure that if students are suspended, they have to talk to a counselor before they come back. Some of the other programs counselors are doing are:

- Running shield classes where they focus on friendships, self awareness, play games, etc.
- PBIS rewards for no tardies, 4.0's, honor roll/on a roll
- Teaching lessons in classes such as high school prep, suicide prevention, stress management, resiliency, etc.
- Help students overcome barriers like non English speaking students, learning disabilities, health problems or issues at home.

Jim talked for a few minutes about the governor's request regarding students not having cell phones in the classroom and asked others opinions on this topic. It was agreed that it would be very difficult to police and there would be parents upset about their students not having cell phones. Jim said he felt like we really need to address the physical and emotional well being of the students and how it would be helpful, in doing this, to have more counselors.

Jim then talked briefly on the fact that we would be approving the school land trust plan during our next meeting. He reviewed that all of our money goes towards 2 aides, our community liaison (Yuri Jenson), and Teaching Tuesdays for our teachers.

It was decided that our next meeting will be held March 28, 2024.

Jennifer Potter made a motion to adjourn and Aaron Cheatwood seconded it. All in attendance agreed.