

Tuacahn High School
Community Council Meeting
December 8, 2014

Minutes

Meeting began at approximately 3:30 pm. Due to Christine France arriving late, Kent Brown was asked to take minutes for this meeting.

Attending:

Christine France (chair), Julie Fonseca (vice chair), Armando Serrano, Aurora Huerta, Christian Bohnstengel, Rosanna Weeks, Kent Brown

Excused: Jeanette Cutner

Minutes: The minutes from last month's meeting were discussed. Armando made a motion to approve the minutes. Christian seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved.

Agenda Items

THS Sage Scores (FY 2014): Rosanna reviewed a report on test scores from last school year, as well as a plan to improve student performance for this current year. The greatest need to improve is in math. There will be opportunities for practice tests in January. The new Read 180 program is in, and iPads have been ordered. THS may try doing something similar in math.

Parent Involvement Policy: Rosanna presented a draft for everyone to review and make suggested changes. After the result of the ensuing discussion, several edits to the policy were made. It was also suggested to hold a parent night to discuss bullying and suicide prevention. THS currently has a partnership with SW Mental Health, where a counselor comes out for 2-3 hours Wednesday evenings. Rosanna then moved that the Parent Involvement Policy be approved. Christine seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

New Student Application Process: Rosanna discussed that the THS Board approved the addition of an audition to the application process. Students wanting to attend THS will complete the online application, choose an academy of study, and then participate in an audition with the department head of the selected academy. Those individuals would then be placed in the lottery. THS Board and administration feel that adding the audition will get students who really want to be here. A discussion then ensued on the perception of THS in the community. Many perceive THS as only a performing arts institute and not an academic one. Although THS doesn't offer AP classes, it does have students participating in concurrent enrollment and online courses through Grad Pointe. Rosanna also brought up the idea of offering after-school programs, such as piano teaching, film making, and photography.

Art Expansion: Rosanna discussed the art studio expansion that was approved by the THS Board, and made possible by a generous donor. It is in the design stage now. The addition will provide much needed space for the art academy. The Boosters will donate some money to help furnish the expansion, such as a pottery wheel and kiln.

Next Meeting's Agenda Items: School Land Trust Funds (FY2016), individual SAGE test results, Sun Tran bus run to THS.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:45 pm. The next meeting will be January 12, 2015 at 3:30 pm.