

Tuacahn High School for the Arts Community Council Minutes

August 25, 2020

New York Board Room

Roll Call

Nanette Johnson (via Zoom)

Josh Aikens (via Zoom)

Aubrey Johnson

Drew Williams

Jen Gates

Kami Adams

Ricki Chambers

Shawni Hansen

Kent Brown

Carrie Beeke

Christine France

Welcome to our new member Shawni Hansen.

Dean of Students

Aubrey talked about official ACT results and the progress of virtual learning. ACT rose by 2.4% from the previous year, which is 1.6% above the state average. The plan is to run the same program again in third quarter. There were questions about whether or not ACT is being counted at some colleges, Drew said there “was nothing official from ACT.” Ricki asked if Seniors who are planning to retake the test can purchase a book and Aubrey said she would work out the logistics but that it might be possible.

There are currently 34 students running on virtual learning, using Google Classroom as the platform and it seems to be running well, based on feedback from parents.

HR Finance and Budget

Kent, we actually got more money than we thought, originally it was \$46,000, but it was actually \$50,426. We were going to bring some people in from places like Mackrell etc. we will figure it out and bring it back to Community Council. Chrome books are on back order but should be in this week. Will get numbers for next meeting.

IT

No IT update today from Mark and Craig. Drew mentioned we are checking out chromebooks to families in need, and for families with multiple students the idea is to give one to each student. We are currently using the older cart to hand them out. Mark has been here every morning checking in.

Digital Citizenship week

Last year Digital Citizenship week was in January. With us having more digital influence in our lives there needs to be more discussion. Students asked for it to be more positive. Ricki spoke with Colin Kartchner and talked about a teenager who has had experience with digital issues. She also mentioned we should address the underground human trafficking and looking for the signs. Drew pointed out that from a school level there are two concerning items to be addressed one being consent/sexting, the second is the gaming and how much time that is consuming. The Arts team has been discussing how students are wasting valuable practice time gaming instead of honing their craft. How do we help the parents navigate that? Ricki explained the importance of understanding dopamine and how that affects addiction. Several dates were thrown around for the event and when we could present it in the amphitheater. It was suggested that we come up with a theme and possibly tying that into Grit, since we talk about that a lot already. It was also suggested that Officer Ray come and talk about the crime rates and what has happened in Washington County during Covid and to potentially have a panel of parents and students willing to share stories about different experiences. Our budget for this event is \$2000.

Vote for Carrie

Jennifer Gates makes motion, Shawni Hansen seconds... Carrie is in.

Craig Maxwell came in at the end for a quick IT update

Original date on computers was right about now. Hoping it will be soon but they keep getting pushed out.