

Community Council Meeting Minutes 2.12.18

Attending: Heidi Wainer, Margy Moreau, Kathy Williams, Janel Arbon, Joshua Cameron, Dr. Hren, Matt Hoppensteadt, Jeanette Kopell, Casey Lawson, Carolyn Stiles, Mary-Walker Irvin, Alanna Simmons-Cameron, Christa Green, Carol Stevenson, Traci Carling.

Minutes: Margy motioned to accept January's minutes. Kathy seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The council received proposals for funding for 2018-19:

- English – Ms. Simmons-Cameron asked for \$500 to print two issues of our newspaper. She is the new advisor and is having the kids do more of the work than they have done in the past. Beyond writing, newspaper teaches life skills such as how to make a professional contact. She wants another year to get the paper off the ground before getting advertising but will move towards an advertising model.
- English – Mr. Cameron asked for funding for two field trips to support his curriculum. The first, to the aquarium in Draper supports romanticism and Moby Dick. Many students are not familiar with the ocean or whales. Without this connection, the book falls flat. He did this trip this year and it was very successful. This trip would cost \$900. He would also like \$150 - \$300 to do a local field trip to support local writers.
- English – Ms. Metzler asked for \$6911 for a fourth chrome book cart, so that all four English classes would have chrome books in their classroom. Productive time is wasted walking to labs, or getting carts from other rooms. There was a discussion about our school moving to the canvass system, and how additional chrome books would facilitate greater learning. Jeanette asked if the school's internet can handle more books. Yes – Dr. Hren said updates were done over the summer.
- Library – Ms. Stevenson asked for \$7,000 to fund Ms. Adair to keep the library open after school. She referred to the meeting minutes from Jan. when she discussed the value of this program. She is also requesting an extra thousand this year to cover increased salary cost for Ms. Adair.
- Art – Ms. Green asked for \$500 for parts for a Raku firing kiln that the auto shop or welding program would construct. This type of firing works well in art competitions. Currently Desert Sun Ceramics has been helping the school with Raku firing. Art would like to buy a setup of our own. Matt asked what kind of propane it takes—a standard BBQ propane tank. Josh asked what a Raku kiln is – Ms. Green Explained.
- Art – Ms. Green asked for \$2910 for jewelry materials. Moab Made (a downtown gallery) has proposed a student's section for Ceramics and Jewelry. Students will learn about calculating costs and advertising as well as creating the art. Kathy asked who gets the money when a piece sells? Students will pay for supplies as they use them. Moab Made would get a portion of sales and students will get a portion.
- Science - Ms. Walker-Irvin asked for \$2000 to fund transportation to Science Olympiad (the same amount of money as last year). She feels that they have a chance to take first this year, and would like to go to nationals in Colorado.

- Science - Ms. Walker-Irvin asked for \$20,348 to place Chrome book carts in each science classroom. This would allow them to use canvas and allow students to work at their own pace. They currently only have 26 old laptops.
- Music – Ms. Stiles asked for \$6000 (same as last year) to continue offering strings and choir classes at the high school. Currently these classes have small numbers, but they are working on scheduling. Ms. Stiles would also like a music appreciation class, for another \$3000. Music teaches discipline and spatial awareness, and increases scores in English and math.
- Band – Ms. Lawson asked for \$1550 to take all the music students to the symphony in Grand Junction. Tickets are only \$5 each. \$1200 is for transportation.
- Band - Ms. Lawson asked for \$7261 for new instruments and \$850 for repairs. Each repair costs \$85 plus parts and has to go all the way to Grand Junction. Ms. Lawson does a lot Band-Aid fixes on old instruments.
- Band – Ms. Lawson and Ms. Stiles would also like \$570 to attend a conference for music teachers.
- Debate – Debate asked for \$3000 to compete at USU – Heidi spoke about the value of competing at this level. The team has attended this tournament for past two years and it has been very successful.
- Math – the Math department would like \$13,000 to purchase Edgenuity a computer based individual instruction program, for Math 1 and Math 2. To fund Math 3 would cost an additional \$4000. This would be an annual expense. They use Edgenuity at Altamont high. It is a self-directed program, teachers would give one on one help to students as needed. Kathy asked about the tech support and if they have they looked at other online programs. Dr. Hren said they previously used Edgenuity for AP English during a staffing crisis. They will be purchasing with a group of schools to improve costs. Heidi asked how the math teachers feel about this program – Alison Brown and Bryce Rogers asked for this program after touring Altamont. Margy said the district has been sending teachers to schools with similar demographics who are making gains when we don't. They often have interventions, like this program, where we do not. San Juan also uses this program for courses they cannot offer. We might be able to offer other classes as well, like AP Physics. If we cannot fund the entire cost, Steve will fill in with other budgets. Matt asked about how hard the program to implement – Easy, kids can even log in at home. Heidi asked if they have enough computers. Math classrooms already have chrome books.
- Kathy asked how long chrome books last. Margy said HMK has had some for 2-5 years.
- We have been funding math paraprofessional for several years for \$20,000 – this position would be more involved with interventions with this new computer program.
- We have been funding academic support for several years for \$20,000. This is both Kaitlyn and a paraprofessional.
- We have been providing supplemental funding for the English department for several years for \$8,000. This allows us to have 4 full time English teachers.
- Social Studies - Ms. Carling asked for \$6,911 for a cart of chrome books. Social Studies is one of the few departments that does not have a cart. Next year there will not be a computer lab available in the TSAC building, so students would have to change buildings to do research, create presentations and work on canvass.

Discussion/Action

- Kathy asked about funding for extra-curricular activities. Dr. Hren said the school mostly pays for transportation and coaches' stipends. The bulk of uniforms and supply funding comes from fundraising.
- Jeanette asked if any department does not have chrome books. Social studies does not have any. She asked if we can get a better deal if we buy more. The District tech guy does bulk buys.
- Janel asked how many kids are in choir and strings - currently 8-10.
- Library – it was decided to pay half of the increase for a total of \$6,500.
- Edgenuity was discussed. Heidi liked allowing students to work at their own pace. Matt asked what would happen if students finished the available math, they could move on. We decided to fund \$7,000, knowing the school may be able to fund the other half.
- Kathy proposed continuing to fund science Olympiad for \$2000
- Janel proposed we continue to fund choir and strings at \$6000 but not to fund the new music appreciation class.
- We liked the idea of the symphony but felt kids would take it more seriously if they paid something. We will fund the transportation for \$1200. Since tickets are only \$5, students can pay for their own tickets. Margy asked how much we gave for instruments last year - Nothing. Kathy suggested we fund half. Janel proposed we fund \$3k for instruments and repairs.
- We decided to fund a Chrome book cart for both English, and Social Studies. \$13,700
- Heidi advocated for debate. Janel proposed we fund half of the trip. \$1500
- Janel proposed we fund \$1000 for the art department. We decided to fund \$1150 for jewelry and ceramics.
- We decided to fund \$500 for newspaper and \$900 for the English department aquarium trip.
- We could not fund chrome books for science. Margy pointed out that as we buy chrome books or other departments it frees up the labs for science and others. Heidi suggested we prioritize chrome books for science in the future.
- Heidi asked about music conference. Dr. Hren said he may be able to find funding for that elsewhere.

Heidi motioned we fund the following: \$500 Newspaper; \$900 Aquarium trip; \$13,700 for Chrome books for English and Social Studies; \$6500 for library support; \$1,150 for ceramics and jewelry; \$2,000 for Science Olympiad; \$6,000 for Choir and Strings; \$1,500 for debate; \$7,000 for Edgenuity, \$20,000 for the Math Paraprofessional; \$20,000 for academic support; \$8,000 to supplement English department salaries; \$1,200 for Symphony transportation; \$3000 for instrument purchase and repair. Kathy seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Heidi motioned that any carryover fund chrome books for science. Kathy seconded. The motion passed unanimously.