Hillgrove School Council Meetings Minutes

Feb 6, 2019

1. Call to Order: President – Mr. Gunn 8:36

2. Members present: Linwood Gunn, Cerethea Owens-Fontanez, Denise Lodahl, Brianna Slone, Daryl McMillan, Simone Eason, Jan Hair, Nicole Fields, Chantal Howard, Angela Stewart, Andrew Alverson

3. Pledge of Allegiance – School participation

4. Approval of Minutes from previous meeting – motion to approve Linwood Gunn, second Denise Lodahl

5. Report of the Principal:
   - Room was needed for professional development building, we are in the current school store room & teacher’s meetings will be held in here, and other professional development meetings now that the school store is mobile.
   - Hawk Hub – Mrs. Stewart took us to the Hawk Hub & said more seating is coming
   - Collaborative learning centers – 3 have been done, trying to make more with casino night money
   - School spirit push this year – there is an app called Super Fan. Students will download the app & it has location features & when they come to school functions they can get points. There are short term & long term goals for each person. There are prizes at the end. Prizes will be restaurants, barber shops, car wash, Mathnasium. App will be run by students exclusively but monitored by staff. Mr. O’Conner presented. Jan asked about parents getting the app & kids sharing points with each other. Mr. O’Conner will find out. Hillgrove is getting the first year for free.
   - Mr. Alverson spoke about how students are doing academically. Big push for seniors to finish strong. This has been a very motivated senior class, wondering how next year’s class will be. He teaches current issues.
   - Miss Slone (band teacher) has more organized & proactive students this year than in the past. Students are being very good about shuffling all their different activities (band, classes, sports), emailing all their teachers & taking on the responsibility themselves.
• Face Time tomorrow night – dealing with Stress. Next one is Social Media topic or possibly vaping

• Mrs. Sawyer informed the council that there is a form that students can come to the office to get if they have 3 or more tests in 1 day. They may get the form & postpone the test for 1 day. Most parents & students were not aware of this.

• When should grade be put in the system?
  o Per Mrs. Stewart at least once a week
  o Some tests (like Lit) will take longer to be graded.
  o Mr. Alverson also pointed out that even if it’s a scantron test, a data report is run to see what questions (if any) were missed by a large number of students. This allows him to see where they didn’t get the topic he was discussing. So this too may take a few days.

• Vaping in the classroom – Mrs. Stewart can only do something about it, if she is informed about the issue.

• Student advisory board meeting – topics
  o What stresses you out about Hillgrove? Wide variety of answers.
  o Describe your worst teacher. Why is this teacher the worst?
  o Exam Exemptions! Do you think we should keep offering this? Why or why not?
    ▪ Student must have an A & can only miss 5 (excused or unexcused) First year they could exempt 2, but now they can exempt all 4. So students skipped those days of review because they hadn’t missed any. Discussed what number is the best or to exempt nothing at all. Talked about the pros & cons of each. It would need to be different for classes with EOC test. The council voted for all 4 being exempt, but more thought needs to be put into how to make it better.
  o Senior Capstone (Senior Project) Do you think this is a good thing? Why or why not?
    ▪ AP Lit students don’t have to do it. Process doesn’t seem well organized.
    ▪ Need to pick something they may have an interest in –need to get a mentor for the project.
    ▪ Council discussed if this was still a good project for Hillgrove to continue & more thought will be put into it.
    ▪ Also talked about community members being present & giving input but not giving a grade only faculty maybe.

6. Old Business Topics:

7. New Business Topics:

8. Adjournment 9:55
9. Next Meeting – March 12th, 2019
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