

HTMS School Council Minutes 4/16/14

Attending the 4/16/14 meeting were as follows: Leslie Juhn, Teresa Mullaney, Ann Duffy, Paula Hunt, Susan Keese, Sheila Shelton, and Laura Montgomery.

The meeting began at 8:00.

Laura Montgomery reported that the school is waiting on their allotment. They may cut some staff and gain some staff, perhaps a ½ teacher position in the positive. The budget shortfall has been decreased so this is where the gain comes from. Instructional days have been increased 5 days to 180, with the 5 furlough days being taken away. The CCSD will also reinstate 1% of the 2% pay increase that has not been given in recent years.

The school will no longer have an AA (Assistant Administrator). There will now be 2 Assistant principals. Joni Myler will start that position in the fall, and Laura has interviewed 3 people for the remaining position.

There are 6 teachers retiring this year, 3 of them being original faculty.

A new system of teacher evaluations will be implemented. It is electronic and should make the evaluations faster.

Laura is waiting on the CCRPI score for last year. This evaluates all areas of academic achievement.

The upcoming political forum was discussed. Do we need babysitting provided? Perhaps the BETA club could help out. We will offer a locker pass for students of middle school parents who attend.

Questions for the candidates to consider is with the sudden increase in the amount of money the state is now willing to give, is it sustainable? Will we be in the same predicament when the election year is over?

We are hoping the questions remain on the budget, and not shift to Common Core.

Tax revenues are up 12%

David Banks is proposing a 1% sales tax for education, but it must be voted on.

Currently, money is needed for technology. The school has a poor infrastructure to support current or new systems. It has been mentioned that testing could possibly be done online, but with our current system, it seems impossible to test all the students with our current technology.

There will be a reception for the candidates before the event. Sheila will provide a fruit/cheese tray, and Paula will provide paper goods.

The final brick order is done for the patios. The 3rd plaza is almost done. PTSA will be funding 2 heavy duty trashcans.

Lastly, we talked about nominations for open positions for School Council next year. Susan, Paula, and Chris are rolling off. We are accepting applications until 4/25. Forms are in the lobby and on the website.

Leslie will forward all minutes for the year to Windsor and Amy Pease.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie Juhn