

WAHLQUIST JR. HIGH SCHOOL
Community Council Minutes
November 8, 2016

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| ATTENDING: | Lori Pobanz | Keri Meyerhoffer | Sue Sweet |
| | Michele Meyerhoffer | Kelly Cragun | Krista Stettler |
| | Betsy Halverson | Karma Lattin | Aimee Broadbent |
| | Jeanenne Chadwick | Amy Broadbent | Coleen Cragun |
| EXCUSED: | Jodi Petersen | Rich Slater | Brandi Green |
| | Allen Dowdle | Nancy Spell | Michelle Wahlen |
| | Wade Holmes | | |

1. Welcome and introductions by Susan Sweet.
2. A motion was made to accept last month's Community Council minutes. Karma Lattin made a motion and Colleen Cragun seconded it. All were in favor.
3. Krista Stettler reported for the counselors.
 - 8th grade PCCR's are starting. They are held in the Counseling Center with student's counselor, student and parents.
 - Red Ribbon Week was very successful. The theme was "Elect to be Drug Free." An assembly was held and student participated in chalk art and games during lunch. Voting booths were available for students to use to sign pledges to be "drug free" and they were given a sticker to wear for their pledge.
 - Peer Tutors are starting the annual canned food drive. Last year students donated 3300 pounds of food and are hoping to beat that number this year. A mass email will be sent out to parents, informing them about the food drive. All food will be donated to Catholic Human Services for distribution to community members.
4. Lori Pobanz gave a report on WJHS Make-Up Credit.
 - Two opportunities are given to students to make-up loss credit.
 - Credit Recovery or Grad Path
 - Credit Recovery is offered to all students who fail a class by 10% or less.
 - Cost for Credit Recovery is \$35. Upon successful completion of Credit Recovery, \$15 of the registration fee may be used toward the registration of additional make-up classes.
 - Individual teachers work directly with the student to determine what work must be made up to earn credit. A contract between the student and teacher is signed.
 - Letters are sent to parents informing them what class/classes their student is deficit in. Copies were handed out to council members.
 - APEX/Grad Path is an online credit recovery program that allows ninth grade students to recover lost credit.
 - Cost for APEX/Grad Path is \$35. Upon successful completion of Grad Path, registration for a second make-up class, without paying an additional fee, can be done.

- Students working on Grad Path may enroll in a credit bearing study hall and complete the Grad Path program during school hours under the supervision of a school official.
 - The original 'F' will remain on the transcript, but the make-up credit will be listed separately as a Pass or Fail grade.
 - The number of F's first quarter 2015 decreased tremendously. Last year, first quarter ninth grade had fifty-nine F's. This year ninth grade F's decreased to forty-two. Counselors are focusing highly on ninth graders with deficit credit.
 - Students are not taking full advantage of the help offered. The administration and counselors try to offer incentives to motivate students. Some of the ideas are:
 - Buddy system. Students helping students succeed.
 - Giving candy bars to students who bring grades up to passing
 - Meeting with deficit students and checking grades weekly
5. The WJHS School Improvement Plan for 2016-2017 was distributed to Council members and reviewed. The SIP is used to help develop our School LAND Trust Plan each year. A motion was made to accept this year's plan. Coleen Cragun made the motion and Amy Broadbent seconded it. All were in favor.
 6. Sue reviewed the Trust Lands budget and handed out an updated report.
 7. Kelly Cragun reported on the first quarter SOAR incentive activity. The criteria for eligibility was zero tardies during first quarter.
 - 883 students reported zero tardies first quarter
 - Eligible students will be invited to attend a movie at the Walker Theater or attend a movie at the school
 - The incentive for second quarter will be honor roll placement or raising individual GPA by at least 5%
 - The second quarter incentive activity will be visiting the Rush Fun Zone in January or February...
 8. The PTSA provides donuts each quarter for honor roll students. They will be here on November 4th during third period to reward those students. We appreciate the ongoing support of the WJHS PTSA.
 9. A school calendar of events for the next 60 days was distributed to Council Members.
 10. A report was given regarding the success of our Volleyball and NAL Teams.
 11. Next meeting will be held on January 10, 2017