

Layton High Community Council Minutes
February 13, 2023
Main Office Conference Room

In attendance: Julie Batchelor, Nicole Beckstead, Twila Bisk, Tami Black, Brock Jackman, Natalie Murray, Julie Parkinson, Steve Richards, Melanie Smith, Michelle Taylor, Justin Whitworth

Excused: Paul Anderson, Ryan Mellor

Welcome and review of minutes Melanie Smith. Motion to approve: Nicole Beckstead, Julie Batchelor seconded with a unanimous vote.

Reviewed school report card. Both ACT and Aspire go towards school grade. ACT isn't perfect alignment with UT Core standards. Results of the tenth grade Aspire test from last year showed Language Arts at 45%, Math at 23%, Science at 29% with 95% of sophomores who took it. The results put LHS close within the district and state averages.

Reviewed TSSP DRAFT plan. Goals are only based on the ACT, however, school grade includes both ACT and Aspire tests. Academic goal: A question was asked about funding for teaching the ACT-it's not included in plan but would like to see this incorporated more into classes. At one point lesson plans were developed for teachers to incorporate at least one problem a day from ACT test, not using the whole period but possibly as bell ringers. Ideas for implementing the ACT lessons into class were discussed as SCHMOOP and Edgenuity which has ACT prep curriculum. It was discussed that numbers improved when students were able to take two practice ACT tests. The district paid for one of those and community council paid for another. The cost of that test was around \$10,000-15,000 but council didn't have to come up with all of those funds. They came from other sources. Practice test was for a full day.

Graduation Goal: LHS is currently at 94% graduating rate. Brock anticipates graduation rate dropping a bit due to COVID which created a loss of productivity. Students are silently quitting. Demographics include students going home to take care of other students in the home. LHS is highest in district for chronic attendance issues. Students improve in academics when they are involved in sports/clubs as well as when their achievements are recognized. Administration is trying to beef up the clubs and positive reinforcement. (Awards for improvement, Honor roll certificates, honoring seniors in various sports and clubs, etc.) This also ties into goal #4.

It was discussed that each department in the school will write a plan with their wish lists for next year and submit before the next community council meeting in March. At that meeting the department heads will be given time slots to discuss their plan and wishes for funding projects. The council will meet at 1:30 to allow teachers and administration enough time to discuss and present plans during the school day.

Julie B. motioned to adjourn meeting, Justin seconded, unanimous vote in favor.

Next Meeting March 13, 2023 @1:30 pm in training center