

## Community Council Meeting Minutes

1-15-2014

1. Minutes from 11-23-13 were read for approval by Mr. Birch. Angie Barker made a formal motion in the affirmative and Debi Scadden seconded the motion.
2. New Chair Nominations – Angie Barker and Debi Scadden will Co-Chair the remainder of this year as Deshwan had to leave the committee.
3. Counseling Business – Mr. John Blodgett represented the Counseling Center and discussed the following:
  - a. Class Changes – January 28-29 are the dates available for after-school class changes. All students will have an opportunity to make changes at this time.
  - b. ACT Prep Classes – This course (over several days) is free to the kids. Herriman is the only high school to pay teachers to stay after school from 3 – 5 on Wednesdays with the possibility of a Friday morning. The funding for teacher’s pay comes through Land Trust funds. Concern was voiced about student athletes who are unable to attend the course due to games/practices/etc. Filming the courses as they are being taught and then placed online was discussed as an option for these students.

Additionally, the website shmoop.com was shared as a free, online ACT preparation site that is paid for by the State.

- c. Freshman Orientation – February 5<sup>th</sup>. Options will be available with booths set up and/or presentations for students to opt into AP, Concurrent Classes, clubs, etc. on this evening.
4. Land Trust – proposed expenditures for 2014-15

Math Essentials Class – Concern over Common Core Curriculum was voiced by parents. Particular worry was discussed about the lack of text books, material and teacher training. (ex: Several “A” students currently have D’s and F’s and feel the teachers have been thrown into this curriculum without adequate training.) Mr. Halliday explained that when UT adopted the Common Core, books were not ready. Herriman High offers the Math Essentials Class and after school tutoring for students struggling in their enrolled level of math. Also, KHAN Academy provides videos on Core Curriculum. Khanacademy.com

5. Other Items –
  - a. Mr. Birch discussed with us that some of the teachers are having health issues.
    - i. Teacher had a stroke
    - ii. Teacher (another individual) fell in the parking lot and would be having surgery.
  - b. Next play is “Fiddler on the Roof”. It will run Feb 27, 28 and March 1.
  - c. Sports –
    - i. Wrestling – Have a student named All American
    - ii. Cross Country – Have a student who is ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> in the US
    - iii. Swimming – Getting ready for State
    - iv. Basketball – Teams doing very well and nearing the end of their season
    - v. Drill – Getting ready to go to State and expected to do well
    - vi. Cheer – Preparing for State competition
  - d. Mr. Birch – Principal of the Year!