

North Cache School Community Council Meeting
April 11, 2017 2:45 pm
North Cache Media Center

MINUTES

Attending: Jake Hall, Jill Baker, Teri Rhodes, Vanessa Alder, Jennifer Beach, Carmen Sorensen, Wendee Radmall and Becky Nielson

Not Attending: Mike Peterson, Terry Williams and Stephanie Swainston

Jill Baker presented the minutes from the March meeting. A motion was made by Becky Nielson to approve the minutes. Wendee Radmall seconded the motion and it was approved.

The North Cache counseling department presented a department report. The department is made of three counselors: Jake Hall, Annette Hepworth and Janine Justis. Currently North Cache has 1,112 students, 475 are in 8th grade and 637 are in 9th grade. Each counselor has a designated group of students based on last name. Annette Hepworth has A-F, Jake Hall has G-M and Janine Justis has N-Z. Students are able to meet with any counselor, not just the one assigned to them. In the transition to a middle school next year, Janine Justis will be moving to Sky View. Suzy Maughan, from Cedar Ridge, will be taking her place. The counselors explained how their time is spent within the school. 40% is spent on PCCR, 30% is spent on guidance curriculum and 30% is spent on responsive services. This year PCCR for 8th grade was a large group presentation during math class. Parents were invited and 284 parents attended. That is about a 60% attendance rate. 9th grade PCCRs were at the individual level. Parents and students met with the assigned counselor and made a plan for graduation. Each counselor had 210 PCCRs. They are still ongoing. The counselors expect to have 30 to 40 PCCRs without parents.

Guidance curriculum consists of introducing 8th graders to North Cache and getting to know the students. This takes place during science classes. For 9th graders the counselors go through the grade requirements for high school and how to be successful in high school. The counselors also teach about alcohol and prescription drug abuse. This happens during world history class.

Responsive services vary day to day. It can be individual or group. The current groups at North Cache include 2 girl groups and 1 boy group. These groups provide training in social skills, self esteem and body image. The groups meet once a week and typically last for 6 to 8 weeks. The 2 interns at North Cache this year have been running study skills groups. They meet with academically at risk students. There are different leadership programs at North Cache. Janine runs GYC and Ambassadors. Jake runs the Stand for Courage team. It is an anti-bullying group. All the counselors work with the Latinos in Action group. Latinos in Action is focused on leadership and academic activities. Students are invited once a month to a meeting. They discuss communication, college, study skills, etc. This year the group will be at the USU campus at the end of April. The requirement to attend the USU activity is the student had to attend at least 3 activities.

The state requires multiple evaluations for the counseling department. There are 10 standards for evaluation. Each year the department does a self evaluation. Every 3 years the district has an evaluation and every 6 years the state has an evaluation. The state level evaluation is next year. There is also a new state requirement to teach college readiness.

The counseling department has a data project for 9th grade failing students. The goal is to send the students into high school with more credit. 1st trimester there were 191 failing classes and 89 students. They checked grades 3 times a trimester. The goal is to decrease those numbers by 10%. During 2nd trimester there were 163 failing grades and 73 students. 33 students didn't fail during 3rd trimester. The counselors tracked the number of times they met with the students. If they met with the students 2 or 3 times a trimester the number of F's decreased.

There will be Parent Teacher Conferences on Monday April 17th and Tuesday April 18th. There is no school on Tuesday. Monday's schedule is 3 to 6 in teacher's classrooms and Tuesday's schedule is 8 to 11 in teacher's classrooms.

Typically attendance is the highest 1st trimester. 2nd trimesters attendance was low. It could be due to a last minute change of date due to a snow day. Hopefully attendance is higher this time.

End of level testing has begun. Stephanie Adams is coordinating the testing schedule. Additional headphones have been ordered to go with each chromebook lab. There are new chromebook labs for the North building and the Social Studies department.

The last item is writing thank you notes to the legislature. We spent about 15 minutes writing notes. Jill Baker is in charge of getting the notes mailed.

The Trust Lands Plan for North Cache is on the North Cache website.

The motion to adjourn the meeting was placed and approved

Next meeting has been scheduled for May 9th at 2:45 pm.