

## COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES

January 30, 2017

The Emergency Plan will be discussed next time we meet. Parents wanted to know if the man who parks his trailer on the corner of South Hill and Crestview would be part of the safety plan. The vehicles create a visual problem in being able to see the children. One parent complained that they almost hit a child. It was also noticed that parents are getting lax and dropping their children off on the South side of Crestview and having them run across the street. The children do not use the cross walk, they just run across the street. It was suggested Officer Ward be invited to come and patrol for a few days.

Last year's budget was presented so the committee could ponder and research to be able to make suggestions for 2017-18 budget to be discussed next time. Larry Garland has cut back his hours to  $\frac{1}{2}$  an hour per day. That will leave some money to appropriate somewhere else in the budget.

Bethany Whitehead will not be coming back next year. Many options for Art next year were presented and discussed. They were 1) the Art teacher would teach 1 hour a month instead of  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour twice a month. This would allow more time to finish a project. 2) Art, Music, and Computers would rotate by grade level daily for three days weekly. 3) Monthly grade level Art lessons in the gym once a month. This only requires the teacher to be here for possibly one or two afternoons a month. Teachers would also be available to assist with the classroom control. 4) The grade level could meet in the gym for a  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour "Art Start" lesson and then teachers would be given the supplies to finish the projects in their classroom throughout the month when time permitted. 5) Mr. Jackson pointed out that the consistency of Art weekly is very important for the students because Art is so good for calming children. 6) Mrs. Hall remembered a system that worked years ago. Grade level teacher teams would meet and decide which part of the curriculum they would teach. Then they would create an Art lesson and rotate to the other classrooms to teach. New lessons were created twice monthly. 7) Allow only the non-Chinese students to attend Art. This would be something special they would get since the Chinese students get their Chinese that is special. With less classes the students could go to Art weekly. They were concerned about the legality of this though. After all was said, the parents felt that options needed to be presented to the faculty to get their input.

Enrichment education was a real concern to some of the parents. They felt that Art was an enrichment activity for the high ability learners and something they looked forward to. It was suggested that the committee look into ways to budget more money for enrichment for the HAL students. They also felt we should each take some time to look for Art grants to apply for that could pay a teacher's salary too.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:50 p.m.