

Mt. Jordan School Community Council (SCC) Meeting – October 12, 2016

Members in Attendance:

Cynthia Hanson, Principal  
John Hellwig, Vice-Principal  
Trudy Cloward, Faculty Member  
Nick Lennox, Counselor  
Kenda Rose, Chair

Robyn Davidson, Vice-Chair  
Michelle Sharp, Secretary  
Rebekah Cowdell, Parent  
Kristen Welling, Parent  
Julie Cluff, Parent

- I. Call Meeting to Order/Roll Call  
The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. in the Mt. Jordan Conference Room by Kenda Rose. Introductions were made to all present.
- II. Adopt/Amend Agenda  
The agenda was adopted unanimously without amendments.
- III. Business Items
  - a. Review minutes from September 13<sup>th</sup> meeting:  
The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and approved by all members.
  - b. SCC Training Reminder – October 26<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.:  
The Committee was reminded that the final SCC training meeting will be held on October 26, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. with a make-up training meeting to be held at 7:00 p.m.
  - c. LandTrust Law Amendment B:  
Principal Hanson reviewed the LandTrust Amendment B. She advised that there is a proposed amendment to the Utah State Constitution regarding school trust funds with regards to distribution totals and limits to preserve funds. The intent is to always have money available for schools. The verbiage updates can be found at voterinfo.org for all to review to make an educated decision.
  - d. Review SCC Timeline-Handbook pg. 23:  
The SCC Training Manual was reviewed as well as all compliance items with an emphasis on reporting to elected officials. The school website should post all meeting dates, member names and contact information by October 20th.
- IV. Principal's Report
  - a. Report of 2016-2017 budget:  
Principal Hanson reported on the 2016/2017 budget and would like to make an amendment to the LandTrust budget. There is an additional \$7,042 that Mt. Jordan has available to spend. It was proposed that the money go toward Professional Development. This training would help to increase implementation and effectiveness for one-to-one technology as a learning tool. This would include software, reading programs, PBIS and active engagement. If all teachers participated, it would equal 5 hours of professional development per teacher. An amendment form was distributed to all SCC members present.
  - b. Digital Citizenship/Safety Program:  
Principal Hanson reviewed the calendar of plans regarding Digital Citizenship and Safety. This includes morning AVID reports, binder checks and weekly tech tips for students. In addition, there will be newsletters, a calendar of events, coaching tips and tech advice for parents. Julie Cluff discussed presentation options for parents and will forward additional information to Principal Hanson.
  - c. Update on Middle School Schedule:

Principal Hanson gave a timeline for the update on Middle School Schedules and reported that the committee narrowed the decision down to 3 options. Mt. Jordan asked their faculty and the results were divided with 41% liking the 6 period schedule, 56% like the 7 period version and the remainder opting for the 10 period A/B Block. The final survey will go out in November and will be shared with Community Councils. It was agreed upon to change the November SCC meeting to November 2<sup>nd</sup> to receive an update on the information before it will be presented to the School Board on November 15<sup>th</sup>. All SCC members agreed to the meeting change.

d. PACE testing results:

Principal Hanson reviewed the PACE components: PACE goals, SEAR performance and AMO results. The measurements in school grading and PACE include SAGE Achievement, Growth in SAGE and College Readiness. She discussed how Growth in SAGE is calculated and reported that data may be skewed due to a large number of students opting out of SAGE testing. Mt. Jordan's school grade has decreased from a 'B' to a 'C' in part, due to this. There are other factors that impact this score and the school has work to do to bring this grade back up.

V. Counselor's Report

Counselor, Nick Lennox reported that Ms. Bates' Climbers Club for 8<sup>th</sup> graders has been successful with 32 students out of 58 meeting their monthly attendance goal of no more than 2 absences and 14 with perfect attendance. The Go Girls Assembly was attended by 32 students and also a success. Nick discussed the 7<sup>th</sup> grade Lifelines Curriculum and mentioned upcoming training in Diesel Tech. There is an upcoming 7<sup>th</sup> grade College Readiness event and recent activities have included a Social Accountability Group.

VI. Faculty Report

Trudy Cloward reported a much improved positive climate from incoming 6<sup>th</sup> graders this year. She said that students appear to be very respectful of each other which carries over into the classroom. Students appear to be looking for ways to improve their academic performance.

Vice-President Hellwig reported a great start for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades as well. The goal this year is to decrease major infractions such as fighting, severe bullying and drug/alcohol use. They attribute success in this area to PBIS instruction. This allows the Vice Principals to be out and about more in the school and reinforces a positive cycle of behavior.

The Peaks Party is scheduled for October 31<sup>st</sup>. The students can use their Summit Cash to get into the dance or alternative activities which will be held in the Library and elective teachers will work with students in other classrooms for those who cannot attend.

VII. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m. The next meeting will be held on November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5:00 p.m. in the Conference Room.