

Mt. Jordan School Community Council (SCC) Meeting-September 13, 2016

Members in Attendance:

Principal-Cynthia Hanson	Vice-Principal-Eric Gardner
Chair-Rebekah Cowdell	Vice-Chair-Kenda Rose
Lark Anderson-Faculty Member	Trudy Cloward-Faculty Member
Whitney Bates-Counselor	Julie Cluff-Parent Member
Robyn Davidson-Parent Member	Michelle Sharp-Parent Member
Kristen Welling-Parent	

Welcome: The meeting was called to order at 5:00pm in the Mt. Jordan Conference Room by Principal Cynthia Hanson. Introductions were made to all present. The agenda was adopted without amendments.

Minutes of the last meeting, held May 2016, were approved by all members, via e-mail, and will be posted to the school's website. Angela Hanks will be updating the school's website on a regular basis.

Business Items:

1. SCC Meeting Schedule for 2016-2017. All meetings will be held at 5:00pm in the school's conference room:
 - a. October 12, 2016
 - b. November 9, 2016
 - c. January 11, 2017
 - d. February 8, 2017
 - e. March 8, 2017
 - f. April 12, 2017
 - g. May 10, 2017
2. SCC officers for the 2016-2017 school year were nominated and unanimously elected as follows:
 - a. SCC Chair-Kenda Rose
 - b. SCC Vice-Chair-Robyn Davidson
 - c. SCC Secretary-Michelle Sharp
3. The SCC training dates were reviewed. Each member of the committee will attend one of these meetings to ensure they understand the responsibilities of the SCC and how best to accomplish them. They will be held at the District's offices in the Professional Development Room on the Southeast side.
4. Principal's Report included an outline of the LandTrust funds received for the 2016-2017 school year. There was a \$5,420 carryover and an additional \$72,247 was allocated for the school. This money is being used in accordance with the budget plan approved by the SCC in March 2016. This includes the afterschool homework lab, the six 17-hour aides and the Mountaineer Market to promote positive behavior. Currently, there are only five 17-hour aides. SCC members are encouraged to think of anyone who would be an asset to this team.
5. The Middle School Task Force is a committee who is discussing possible schedule adjustments to better include the curriculum standards set by the State Board of Education. This committee will report to the Canyons School District Board by November 15th.
6. The SCC reviewed a Bell Efficiency Report. This study is an effort to reduce transportation expense and address the issue of hiring and maintaining bus drivers. There were two options presented to the committee. They would require some adjustments of 5-30 minutes in start/end times for schools and consolidation of bus routes. The SCC members

provided feedback and concerns including late busses (especially in bad weather), overcrowding on busses, earlier start times for school, longer wait times at bus stops and longer bus rides to school. This information will be presented to the School Board.

7. The Counseling Center is busy with guidance training. They give lessons on dealing with bullies, transitioning to middle school and goal setting. The SCC was also given information on the SafeUtah App. This allows any student to anonymously give a report if they are feeling unsafe for any reason or if they have a friend who may be feeling unsafe. The App can also be a live chat with a licensed mental health clinician. There is follow-up given to the school on any reports sent. On September 29th, 30 girls will get the chance to go to “Go Girls”. It’s a program that encourages girls to study STEM-related subjects and seek STEM-related careers. This will be held at Jordan High School. The Counselors are also working with 60 students who had severe truancy last year as 7th graders. It is an incentive program for them to increase their attendance and therefore their GPA and self-esteem as they are more successful in school. They hope this will help them as they transition to High School next year. The Counseling website provides information regarding all of these programs that were discussed if anyone has further questions.
8. The faculty reported their emphasis of the Climber’s Code with their students, so they are aware of the rules and the expectations the school has for them. The sixth grade team is also working hard with their students as they transition to middle school. The teachers are taking full advantage of the Summit Cash program and the Mountaineer Market is open every day before school and Thursdays after school.
9. The PTSA is doing well, however, is always in need of more volunteers.
10. The school is working on a bimonthly newsletter that will give information to parents. The website will be more up-to-date and user friendly. The school will also hold feeder school meetings with the elementary and high schools that feed into and out of the school. This is an effort to generate ideas on how to ease the transition between 5-6th grade and 8-9th grade so that all students can be more successful.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 pm. The next meeting will be Wednesday, October 12th at 5:00 pm in the conference room.