

Mt. Jordan School Community Council Agenda

September 13, 2017: Conference Room

5:00 PM

I. Call meeting to order/roll call

- a. In attendance: Cindy Hanson, Robin Davidson, Rebekah Cowdell, Gema Ortiz, John Hellwig, Jennie Cross, Katie Nelson, James Barron (arrived at 5:20)
- b. Robin Davidson nominated as chair
 - i. Nominated by Cindy Hanson, John Hellwig seconded, unanimous
- c. Rebekah Cowdell/SCC nominated as vice chair
 - i. Nominated by Cindy Hanson, unanimous
- d. Katie Nelson nominated as secretary
 - i. Nominated by Robin Davidson, unanimous
- e. Excused: Nick Lennox and Whitney Bates

II. Adopt/Amend agenda

- a. None needed

III. Business items

- a. Review minutes from May 10th meeting
 - a. Available on the school website
 - i. Minutes accepted
- b. Membership; current roster, new members
- c. Review bylaws
 - a. Highlighted article III: Attendance
 - i. Clarified: Proxy voting in case of absence

- b. Highlighted various items, including the purpose for our meetings and what would not be appropriate

- d. SCC training dates

- a. Attendance is mandatory; dates and times available September 20-November 9

IV. Counselor's report

- a. Cindy Hanson reported in their behalf: Schedule changes have concluded. Content teaching started in classes. Counselors meeting with students flagged by previous school for needing additional support for extra time.

V. Faculty Report

- a. Jennie Cross reported that 6th graders are being provided training with organization with the AVID binder. No backpacks has been received well. More AVID electives are being offered this year. John Hellwig reported that the year is off to a great start. Students are responding well to no backpacks and keeping the AVID binder on them. Students who've needed backpack accommodations have been provided that opportunity. John reports that new hires are positives. 12 new employees were hired. Turnover due to relocations out-of-state and other opportunities in the district. Cindy Hanson added that teachers are collaborating well and enjoy working together. Support is provided to new teachers with coaches.

- b. Gema asked about teacher to student ratio and total enrollment.

- i. Class sizes range from 20-35

- ii. Total enrollment is 942

- iii. 6th and 7th Grade permits were frozen temporarily during the summer; permits for all grades are currently open

VI. Principals report

a. District Bond PowerPoint

- i. History of Canyons; original bond outlined
- ii. Current request: \$283 million tax neutral bond
- iii. Why now? Facility improvements, 21st Century Education, Interest Rates & Construction Costs, Rising Property Values
- iv. Election Registration/Election Dates in October and November

b. Celebrations

i. Updated policies: Tardy Policy

1. Positive Incentives: winner recently ice cream treat
2. Parents called at tardy 4
3. Tardies 5-8 involve lunch detention
4. Tardy 9: Parent/Student/School contract
5. Tardy 10: In-school suspension
6. James asked if 1st period tardies could be omitted. In previous years, 1st period tardies were outrageous, which why they are intentionally a part of the count this year. Jennie Cross drew attention to the powerful part of the day that is the first 5-10 minutes of class as this is a time of review/reteaching.
7. Additional communication regarding tardy policy will be sent now that tardy 4 phone calls are starting.

ii. Climb Time

1. Purpose is to provide opportunity (not punitive) for students to make-up/complete assignments during a working lunch.
2. Currently, teachers can send 2 students per day.

3. This is intended for students who need more time, not more instruction.
- c. Math and Science Tutoring after school Monday-Thursday 2:45-3:45, after school Climb Time available as well. Library is open for leisure use/independent study until 3.
 - d. Digital Citizenship: Kim Mitchell and Melody Carver are sharing information with teachers monthly, preparing materials for students.
 - e. SAGE scores not released yet. PACE Report, School Grade, other data available for our next meeting. About 20% of students opted out of SAGE. English Language Arts teachers and Math teacher are administering Reading and Math Inventory assessments. That beginning-of-year data will be available for our next meeting.
 - i. Brief discussion about how to encourage more families/students to opt-in to the SAGE test.
 - f. Cell Tower Money
 - i. SCC must approve any money used from these funds.
 - ii. The School Advisory Council (SAC) approved a request for registration fees paid in behalf of the new Speech Language Pathologist to attend a conference in amount of \$290. Librarian conference registration fee request of \$80 and Art teacher conference registration fee of \$60.
 1. Robin motioned to approve funds, Rebekah seconded. Unanimous approval
 - g. Newsletter
 - i. Seeking feedback regarding frequency
 1. Parents reported that Skylert communications are coming as a phone call, email alert of a recorded message, but no text-only email

2. Parents said to keep communications short, as lengthy communications are often not read
 - ii. James relayed from community that there are feelings of being uninformed; communication is always welcomed
 - iii. Robin appreciated when the teacher team sent a regular communication regarding upcoming assignments and special events for their child
 - iv. Cindy will send a weekly calendar and a bi-monthly newsletter
 - h. School Website
 - i. New staff member attending to website
 - i. Social Media
 - i. Parents would use
 - ii. RemindMe app could be useful
 - j. Middle News
 - i. Parents recommend sharing smaller pieces at a time instead of a front-and-back newsletter
 - k. Reviewed CSIP Goals
 - l. LandTrust monies outlined
 - i. Bulk of funds to school support personnel for intervention classes
 - ii. PBIS incentives
 - iii. AVID binder materials
- VII. Adjourn until the next meeting to be held October 11, 2017 @ 5:00 PM in the Mt. Jordan Middle School's conference room.
- VIII. Future meetings 2nd Wednesday at 5pm with no December meeting