

Mt. Jordan School Community Council September 18, 2019: Conference Room 5:00 pm

People in attendance:

Principal Matt Watts
Emily Buma
Rachel Harward
James Barron
Debora Johnson
Gema Ortiz
Whitney Bates
Rebekah Cowdell
Sara Lee

I. Call meeting to order/roll call (Welcome and Introductions)

Rebekah called the meeting to order and had everyone introduce themselves around the table.

II. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

Rebekah was nominated to continue as chair this year.
James was nominated to continue as vice-chair for this year.
The vote was unanimous.

III. Review/Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes

The meetings minutes will be emailed out to everyone to be approved.
Rebekah briefly reviewed the minutes from the previous meeting.
Gema motioned to approve, and James seconded it. The vote was unanimous.

IV. Business Items

A. Data Review

Next meeting Matt will bring MI and RISE data to review.
Matt reviewed discipline referrals. Wednesday and right after lunch seem to be times when most problems occur. Next time we will review academics.

B. CSIP/LandTrust

Matt read through the school academic CSIP goals, and reviewed the climate goal. Everyone looked through the CSIP packet to review the budget. Final budget coming from Land Trust is \$111,684.

C. TSSA funds

\$98,849 budget used to hire teachers, it has helped create more co-teaching opportunities, still looking for one more aide. Additional mentor time after school to reduce D's and F's as well as Mountaineer Market (lunch-time store) materials.

D. TSI Plan

We are a school identified as a school for targeted improvement. This means we are in the bottom 5% for SAGE results, but only in certain areas: economically disadvantaged, students with disabilities, English language learners, and Hispanic. Data was pulled from MI, RI, and SAGE.

There was discussion about the ELL results from 2017-2018. There are a variety of reasons why it could be 0%. This year we have an ALS facilitator that works with these students.

By November 30th, teachers will identify students to be referred to math lab and read 180 classes. Teachers will also identify students at risk of not meeting graduation requirements.

Matt showed the rationale for the Read 180 interventions, Focused-notes, Structured classroom discussions, and math labs. Matt pointed out the need for a second achievement coach and Math FTE if possible.

The question was asked, how many different languages are spoken at MJMS? Our population has about 13% of students identified as ELL. If there is a high enough language population, could we use Land Trust money to pay an aide to be a tutor for those students that fall within those demographics? This would involve logistics that need to be looked into.

Matt suggested 3 areas to spend money from cell tower funds (\$4,475): Professional development, student incentives, and teacher incentives. A purchase more than \$1,000 would have to be approved by the committee. Gema motioned to approve, and Deborah seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

E. Timeline

V. Counselor's Report

Whitney discussed how the need for a title change of the counseling center is being changed to The Student Center for any type of resources for all the students and faculty to use. She discussed how all students were set in their semester classes by the 2nd week of school so that students and teachers could be set in the procedures moving forward. The 6th grade math lab is not full yet. We have a full time social worker, Adrienne, and counseling intern, Angie, this year. 30 students were able to go to a "non-traditional career" workshop to listen to speakers about career options available to them. Health teachers will be teaching a lifeline suicide prevention support program to their students each semester. QPR [suicide prevention] presented by the district for teachers to be trained to handle student suicide prevention.

VI. Faculty Report

6th graders are getting more adjusted to middle school. Students are excited about cooking in FACS class. Unit 1 is finishing up in math, and students are doing well.

VII. Principal's Report

There are street lights at the crosswalk in front of the school [because the road was too dark in the mornings] for students to cross safely.

VIII. SCC Training Dates

We looked at the training dates. New members should try to attend the 101 training. It is suggested that everyone tries to attend a training.

IX. Adjourn until next meeting:

October 9, 2019 @ 5:00 pm

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For the rest of the year, will the 3rd Wednesday work? We won't meet in December.

At 6:15 Gema motioned to adjourn.