

Mt. Jordan School Community Council (SCC) Meeting – November 2, 2016

Members in Attendance:

Cynthia Hanson, Principal
Eric Gardner, Vice-Principal
Trudy Cloward, Faculty Member
Whitney Bates, 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.
- II. Adopt/Amend Agenda
The agenda was adopted without amendments.
- III. Business Items
 - a. Review minutes from October 12th meeting:
The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and approved by all members.
 - b. Time Line Review:
 - i. Final Report submitted to the State and families:
The final review was submitted by October 20, 2016 to the State and families. It is posted on the Mt. Jordan webpage and there is a hard copy in the office. The Principal will also do a Skylert message with the information.
 - ii. Review School Data and current CSIP:
The CSIP plan was received during the last SCC meeting. Members are to review the plan, review goals and determine how land trust funds will help achieve those goals. The plan may be reviewed over the break and discussed further in 2017.
 - iii. Digital Citizenship Plan of Action:
Kim Mitchell is the trained staff member at Mt. Jordan and is heading up this program. An action plan will be submitted before the winter break. Currently, the school has several methods to deliver information such as: Weekly Tech Tips with the students and website resources. Internet Safety Week will be held in February and the school is currently working on a newsletter. The committee discussed adding a tip one time per month via email to the parents that would include links to various websites with additional information to inspire more discussion with their child.
- IV. Principal's Report
 - a. Report of 2016-2017 budget:
Principal Hanson informed the Committee that a Land Trust printout is reviewed monthly to determine if they are on budget with their programs. Currently, funds are largely being used in the PBIS and Sherpa programs, which is consistent with the plan. Other programs were discussed such as the Mountaineer Market. In addition, discipline data was reviewed to include minor, moderate and major infractions by grade and areas of offense, with major infractions decreasing this year 7 versus 24 as compared to last year.
 - b. Middle School Schedule Options:

The State requirements have changed and are now including courses related to CTE and Digital Literacy. As such, Middle School schedules will need to change to accommodate this. The Principal reviewed the Task Force findings and options to include: A 6 period day (Semester AB), 7 period day (Semester AB), and a 10 period day (AB Block) with options for Regular, Dual Language Immersion and Intervention Students. The review included an overview of instructional hours, the advantages and disadvantages including impact and how to address the priorities of each choice. There are mixed reviews on all options. However, the School Board will be voting on this soon and all feedback needs to be received timely before a finalization. The Principal will send the slide show to all SCC members for a deeper review and to collect feedback. There is also a School Board Meeting open to all on November 15, 2016 to hear the information and to give feedback.

c. Backpacks:

The Principal discussed the topic of the use of backpacks during school. Mt. Jordan is an AVID school which promotes organizing a student's work through binder usage. There is currently a policy in most classrooms that backpacks are not allowed as most teachers felt like they were a distraction. Students would often tuck paperwork and homework into the backpack and parents may not have received the information. The school would like to move to a more consistent policy of no backpacks instead of an individual policy by team. The Committee was asked for feedback and all were in agreement that the AVID binders worked well for organization and thought that an overall policy change for next year would be well received. Special needs children may need an exception and will be addressed separately.

d. Student Recognition:

Mt. Jordan staff is trying to recognize more positive behaviors outside of getting good grades. Assemblies are held at the end of each trimester with the next assembly scheduled for November 22nd. Fourteen students will be recognized during the assembly and also with posters in the school that will have their picture and a quote from the student.

V. Counselor's Report

Whitney Bates mentioned that the guidance curriculum for Lifelines/Suicide Prevention has just ended. She gave an overview of other programs that the counselors are working on. There is an upcoming Diesel Tech Field Trip on November 9th for 8th grade. Stress Management and a Gratitude curriculum for 6th graders is another upcoming focus.

VI. Faculty Report

Trudy Cloward reported that teachers are getting ready to finalize the term and help make kids aware of any missing homework assignments and grades. District benchmarks tests will also be given before the term ends.

VII. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 6:12 p.m. The next meeting will be held on January 11, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. in the Conference Room.