

SOUTH HILLS MIDDLE SCHOOL SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL AGENDA

January 29, 2026, at 4:00 pm
Main Office Conference Room



Attendance: Jim Groethe, Wendy Grossarth, Terrah Anderson, Alysha Griffiths, Alexis Bryson, Bryan Call, Kathy Campbell, Heather Belcher

Call to Order:

- Approve October Meeting Minutes
 - Alysha Griffiths stated her name was spelled incorrectly; it was corrected.
 - Bryan Call-Motion to approve
 - Terrah Anderson-Seconded
 - Motion approved

Items

- Counseling Center Update
 - 7th → 8th and 8th → 9th Orientation
 - Feb 23-28 Hope Week
 - All Hope Squad members have been QPR certified
 - Feb 12, 7th-grade Suicide Prevention Presentation. 9th graders will be done during Hope Week. 8th grade presentations will be done in their health courses.
 - 24th Therapy Dogs returning
 - MRHS is coming for 9th pre-registration on Wednesday, Feb 18, during TA.
 - Has arena scheduling been discussed for South Hills courses? It was previously discussed.
 - Not a ton of requests from the community. Stress levels among families at the middle level are a deterrent.
 - Discussion of how the school-wide schedule is created through Skyward.
 - Suggestions to incorporate an element of choice.
- School Information
 - Events
 - February 2:: 7th Grade Orientation
 - February 6:: District Health & Wellness Day
 - February 11:: Virtual Parent-Teacher Conferences
 - February 12:: In-Person Parent-Teacher Conferences
 - All three levels of instruction will be on the same day.
 - Committee states difficulties with attending multiple schools
 - Discourages parent engagement

- February 13:: No School
 - February 20:: PTSA Meeting
 - March 5:: School Community Council Meeting
 - March 6:: District PD Day
 - March 19:: School Community Council Meeting (optional)
 - March 20:: 2026-2027 LAND Trust Plan Due
 - March 27:: End of Quarter
 - March 30:: Grade Transmittal Day
 - March 31-April 3:: Spring Break
 - April 10:: School Dance
 - April 17:: District PD Day
- Topics
 - JPAC Report
 - Reviewed all safety legislation. JSD is compliant with many legislative requirements or is in the process of becoming compliant. School administration is no longer allowed to tell the community about the implementation of requirements. Discussion of guardians at school. No funding is allotted to the guardian requirement. SROs from the city in each building are difficult to fund.
 - Communication — they don't want to communicate until the incident is resolved. However, pushback was that rumors elevate incidents among students and families. How to improve this situation was made.
 - Mandatory gun safety requirements at each school. Videos are available to provide the instruction.
 - State DLI
 - Required to assemble a committee to have a plan to track data. Clarification could be coming from the district.
 - 2025-2026 TSI/ATSI Plan and Goals
 - MLs, SWDs, Pacific Islanders, and Black students are scoring lower
 - Pacific Islander and Black students have closed that group.
 - We have moved out of ATSI to TSI
 - A plan with goals has been created, and funding has been allocated
 - Two aides have additional hours to assist in data analysis and student support.
 - Suggestions to incorporate AI data analysis into the process.
 - SchoolAI is collaborating with JSD to support that situation.
 - 2025-2026 TSSA Plan Update
 - We are very well on track to get below the 10% spending requirement.
 - 2025-2026 LAND Trust Plan Update
 - We are very well on track to get below the 10% spending requirement.
 - Draft of next year's plan will be discussed on March 5.
 - Data related to the goals will be forthcoming.
 - Goal 1 is related to the 9th-grade credit deficiency
 - Goal 2 is related to testing improvement.
 - Specifically about STEM and its implementation.

- South Hills will be a LEGO Robotics school next year, and will attend a competition
 - The 7th Grade Science Curriculum LEGO kit was purchased to supplement
 - Question regarding internet hotspots for students and their popularity
- Q & A
 - What is attendance like here at SHMS
 - 25% of students are chronically absent from school
 - Legislation is being proposed to study the causes of chronic absenteeism.
 - Counselors and administrators review school-wide data and try to implement specific interventions to meet the needs of individual students.
 - The future committee will look into creating uniformity in due dates and improving the end-of-quarter curriculum. The end-of-quarter activities deter students from attending because of the many movies shown
 - The lack of continuity in school-level absence excusal is frustrating.
 - We are one of the few schools that chose to participate in the program to excuse students in Skyward.
 - Frustration expressed about the computer in the vestibule for check-ins and check-outs
 - Informal surveys have expressed differing views.
 - Communication will be improved with the attendance staff
 - SHMS will be piloting a computerized instructional coaching program that will enable teachers to access data to improve their pedagogy.
 - Technology will record audio and no video
 - AI will
 - Midas Creek boundary change approved
 - School populations have decreased.
 - 1184 projected for this school year
 - 1152 is the current enrollment
 - Essentially every 25 students is equivalent to a teacher
 - 1057 projected for next year
 - Faculty notified of potential change in staffing needs.
 - Feb 10 is the estimated projection for next year
 - Significant enrollment declines are projected across the district and the state for differing reasons
 - If there is a bell-to-bell cellphone ban, how will it be enforced?
 - Similarly to how it is currently being implemented within the classroom.
 - The committee agreed that additional means of regulating cellphone usage are not preferred, such as technological measures.
 - Safe walking routes
 - Will have more information at the next meeting, March 8.

- Requirements for safe walking routes were discussed, including the canal behind the school.
- Discussion about which city councils (Riverton vs. Herriman) are responsible for developing those plans, considering students do not always live in the same city as the school location

Adjourn:

- Motion to adjourn made by Bryan Call
- Seconded by Heather Belcher
- Approved by the committee