

SOUTH HILLS MIDDLE SCHOOL SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL AGENDA

October 9, 2025, at 4:00 pm
Main Office Conference Room



Attendance: Terrah Anderson, Bryan Call, Wendy Grossarth, Jim Groethe, Brooke Miller, Darrell Robinson, Alysha Griffiths, Alexis Bryson, Cody Curtis

Call to Order: Bryan Call

- Review and approve SHMS School Community Council Rules of Order and Procedure
 - Bryan Call proposed election procedures from the previous Rules of Order and Procedure be transferred to the new
 - Utilize the form from the state, rather than a school-generated form.
 - Motion made by Bryan Call to utilize the new template and update it with the previous school document--to be finalized and approved at the next meeting
 - Terrah Anderson seconded the motion
 - Motion passed
- Review and approve election of new Councilmembers
 - Motion made by Bryan Call to recognize the elected member of the council, Deborah Bracken
 - Jim Groethe seconded the motion
 - Motion passed
 - Motion made by Bryan Call to nominate Heather Belcher
 - Terrah Anderson seconded the motion
 - Motion passed
- Nominate, appoint, and approve open Council seats
 - Motion made by Bryan Call to nominate Alysha Griffiths
 - Terrah Anderson seconded the motion
 - Motion passed
 - Motion made by Bryan Call to nominate Heather Belcher
 - Terrah Anderson seconded the motion
 - Motion passed

Items

- Counseling Center Update
 - Dr. Christy Kane event at MRHS presenting Tech and the Teenage Brain
 - Today was a focus on college and career awareness
 - JATC Expo for 9th graders
 - Career Presentation 8th graders

- Job Shadow for 7th grader
 - PCCR meeting coming up. Nights finalized-6 nights, 3 sessions each night
 - Spanish-speaking families are being invited to a session with translation services available
 - Next Thursday, 8th 8th-grade Career Unit to begin
- School Information
 - Events
 - October 8 - Antelope Island Field Trip for 9th Graders
 - October 8 - Choir Concert
 - October 9 - 7th Grade: Job Shadow Day
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 - 8th Grade: Careers Assembly
 - 9th Grade: JATC Expo Assembly
 - October 9 - Band and Orchestra Concert
 - October 13 - Unified Soccer Tournament
 - October 13 - Dr. Christy Kane (Tech & the Teenage Brain) Event at MRHS
 - October 14 - Picture Re-Take Day
 - October 17 - Last Day of Q1
 - October 20-24 - No School
 - October 30 - Student Talent Show Assembly
 - November 3 - 8th Grade PCCRs Begin
 - November 12 - Noelle Pikus-Pace Assembly
- Topics
 - Honors classes at SHMS
 - Honors classes at the 8th-grade level--what are the options
 - Test scores have gone up, and behavior problems have gone down
 - Parents and teachers have expressed the need for honors-level classes
 - Terrah Anderson reminded us that we need to be aware that students will go to other schools
 - Jim noted that the school is working on creating additional curriculum that students can extend through their current classroom instruction
 - Darrell commented that other districts have used the same model that Jim suggested.
 - Bryan noted that other groups that are behind have resources allocated to them; however, the high-performing students are not getting resources
 - 9th graders have AP/Pre-AP classes and Honors Biology available
 - The school is aware of the issue and is trying to create a sustainable solution
 - Suggested extension activities be done through school teaming at the 7th and 8th grade level
 - All core departments are having conversations to generate possible solutions to the concerns.
 - Cody Curtis shared that this topic is being discussed for a district-wide solution

- 2025-2026 TSSA Plan Update
 - Plan originally written to pay for .5 FTE, but it had to be amended to 1.0 FTE
- 2025-2026 LAND Trust Plan Update
- Notice and Information from Cody Curtis, A
 - Proposed boundary change for the Midas Creek
 - Proposed that the area will be going to Oquirrh Hills Middle and eventually Riverton
 - boundary.jordandistrict.org
 - Survey results will be reviewed at the next JSD Board meeting.
 - Oct 28 public comment
 - Public hearing-Nov 11
 - The decision could be reached by December 9th at the latest.
- Q & A
 - Parent Square
 - Concerns about Parent Square and preferences
 - Bryan Call expressed appreciation for teachers still using the Skyward email system
 - Attendance reporting is problematic
 - Darrell Robinson suggested identifying concerns and communicating with IT or Teaching and Learning
 - Terrah Anderson suggested to Darrell Robinson that they conduct a focus group or survey to get feedback.
 - Bryan Call suggested having a way to communicate deadlines as a priority, such as “Parent Deadlines.” Parent Square would be preferred, but the website could function as well.

Adjourn

- Motion to adjourn by Bryan Call
- Motion to second by Alisha Griffiths