

South Hills Middle School



School Community Council

February 3, 2022 | 3:30pm | Location: South Hills Middle School

DRAFT Minutes

Attendees: Ardis Byrd, Bryan Call, Kevin Allred, Valerie Ashley, Jim Grothe, Julie Thompson, Julie Rushton, Troy Monson, Leota Pearson.

A. Minutes from the November meeting approved.

B. Safe Walking Routes - Troy Monson

1. Same routes as last year.

<https://www.saferoutesutahmap.com/organization/schools/map>

2. The sky bridge across Bangerter will be demolished and not rebuilt.

3. Any possibility of a sky bridge across 134th north to south?

4. If there are any questions about safe walking routes, please contact

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C. Land Trust Update

1. Committee looked at the 2021 test scores data

a. Q: Is there something we can do to help our math scores?

b. Ideas

i. Perhaps a math aide?

ii. TA interventions?

iii. Re-visit Flex?

iv. Online learning (now that we know how to do it properly)

v. Pay teachers to stay later

2. Chromebook discussion

a. Should we continue the 1:1 ratio?

i. Chromebooks decrease need for textbooks

ii. Class fees are going away

iii. Chromebooks have a three-year life span

iv. Math department already dropped their request for touch screen machines

v. Difficult to go backwards at this point

b. Touch screen machines are \$370 each

c. Non-touch screen machines are \$214 each

d. We have 357 incoming 7th graders - if we order 400, we need \$83,000

e. We may need to split the cost of new chromebooks between two budgets.

Jim will get the proposed Land Trust Budget to this committee prior to March 17th.

D. COVID update - discussion about teacher absences and the dearth of substitutes. Things were much worse before Christmas break but have leveled off.

E. Living Planet Aquarium field trip discussion

1. Trip was over too long a time period
2. There was no place for the students to eat their lunches
3. Parent chaperones were assigned to an area instead of to a group of students
4. Principal's plan to address issue:
 - a. Science team meeting in the morning
 - b. Split the 7th grade group's trip into AM and PM
 - c. Investigate other venues

F. Student Groups Update - Middle School clubs have been approved by the District. We currently have three.

G. Added item: The Jordan School Board is going to re-district and we need pro-teacher to run. March 1 is the deadline to file. They are adding a new seat.