

SOUTH HILLS MIDDLE SCHOOL

SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES - DRAFT

November 16, 2022 at 3:30pm
Main Office Conference Room



Attendance

- Kevin Allred, Terrah Anderson, Bryan Call, Alysha Griffiths, Jim Groethe, Ryan Nigbur, Sharon Rinehart

Call to Order - Bryan Call

- Report on Jordan Parent Advisory Committee
 - Jordan School District invited representatives from every school community council to join them for an evening of input and discussion.
 - All levels of schools were represented. 'Dot Voting' was used to get feedback from representatives on issues concerning them. The most dots were on topics like: school safety and suicide prevention.

Items

- Counseling Center Update - Valerie Ashley, Lead Counselor
 - Counselors are in the process of completing 8th grade PCCRs.
 - Year to date, counselors have had over 1,900 student appointments.
 - The school has a dedicated McKinney-Vento specialist who meets with students who have been displaced from their home. Students are provided meals, snacks, and other support obtained through donations, District funding, and State funding.
 - On Saturday, December 10, there will be an event at the Walmart in South Jordan allowing students in need to shop for Christmas.
- Feedback on Proposed Changes to Hallway Student Art - J. Groethe
 - Discussion and feedback on old student art was had regarding the 2002 Olympic tile mural in the 100 Hall, as well as the sports painting by the gym in the 600 Hall.
 - Overall goal would be to take both pieces down at the end of this school year with a 5-year plan to put up 'wraps' around the building that celebrate school spirit and the Olympics.
 - Councilmembers will reach out to former students for feedback and more information. Discussion will be ongoing.
- School TSI Information and Status - J. Groethe

- Under the federal Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), SHMS qualifies as a Targeted Support & Improvement (TSI) in three categories of underserved students: English Language (EL), Students with Disabilities, and Pacific Islander.
- The qualification as a TSI school is based on end-of-year testing.
- SHMS has already written a LAND Trust Plans, approved by School Community Council, as well as a Teacher-Student Success Act (TSSA) plan, approved by the District and Board of Education, which target EL and Students with Disabilities. New plans will add specific goals and action steps to also address Pacific Islanders.
- School Information
 - Events
 - Christmas for Kids program is sponsored by the District and Walmart. The program works to identify students in need who would benefit from a Christmas shopping spree. Volunteers are always needed to escort the students on their shopping spree through South Jordan Walmart. This year the event is set to be held on Saturday, December 10 at 8:00am.
 - Guitar and Choir concerts on Tuesday, December 13.
 - Band and Orchestra concerts on Wednesday, December 14.
 - JSD Board of Education celebrating SHMS at Board meeting on Tuesday, December 13.
 - Trends
 - Attendance and student misbehavior continue to be at unprecedented levels. Teachers and administration are constantly looking at new data and new approaches to address this new problem.
 - A team of Student Advocates is being assembled. Currently at five with hopes to continue growing. Student Advocates meet with students individually and in small groups to set goals, help with organization or assignments. These meetings are often arranged based on attendance data, but can also be requested by teachers, parents, or students.
 - Q & A
 - The school wanted to gauge parent interest and begin gathering information, observation, data, and feedback for the following:
 - Instituting a school-wide rule of having no cell phones visible during class. This rule is being instituted with reported success at other middle schools, notably Copper Mountain Middle School. Having a school-wide rule would remove individual teacher classroom rules, as well as any 'Warnings'.
 - J. Groethe would like to ask that the faculty consider nonrenewal of membership in 'Schools to Watch'. The title is designated to schools that apply for membership and demonstrate through practices and data that they are proficient in addressing initiatives and standards identified by 'Schools to Watch' as benefiting students. The initiatives and standards, while noble, are largely things the school does without the need to report them to another entity. Key reasons for nonrenewal, in Mr. Groethe's

opinion, are: the time and resources required for data collection, reporting, and redesignation every three years is sizable; the use of his time and effort through executive meetings, redesignation of other schools, and the financial commitment of attending the ‘Schools to Watch’ annual conference upon redesignation.

- 2022-2023 LAND Trust Plan Update
 - On track.
- 2022-2023 TSSA Plan Update
 - On track.

Adjourn

- Motion by B. Call, second by K. Allred, passed unanimously.