SOUTH HILLS MIDDLE SCHOOL SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES

January 25, 2023 at 3:30pm Main Office Conference Room



Attendance

 Bryan Call, Ardis Byrd, Terrah Anderson, Kevin Allred, Sharon Rinehart, Deborah Brack, Jim Groethe, Dr. Darrell Robinson (Guest), Valerie Ashley (Guest)

Call to Order - Bryan Call

- Approval of Meeting Minutes from September and November
 - Motion by B. Call to approve; second by K. Allred; passed unanimously
- Approval of SHMS School Community Council Rules of Order and Procedure
 - Discussion to make one final change on the parent threshold for elections at the first meeting from 20 to 12.
 - Motion by B. Call to approve with change; second by T. Anderson; passed unanimously
- Proposal to move March 22 SCC Meeting to March 17
 - o Motion by B. Call; second by K. Allred; passed unanimously

Items

- Counseling Center Update Valerie Ashley, Lead Counselor
 - PCCRs have been completed at 96%, including our first time holding a Spanish-speaking family night PCCR.
 - Registration for 2023-2024 begins next week:
 - Monday, January 30 at 6:00pm 7th Grade Orientation
 - Tuesday and Wednesday Registration cards and a TA lesson for all current 7th and 8th grade students.
 - Tuesday, February 14 MRHS visit and assembly for 9th Grade
 - Tiger Squad will be hosting an assembly for the school in March with guest speaker Ryan Stream. The message is 'Be the Change'.
- School Information
 - Events
 - Parent Teacher Conferences coming February 15th (in-person) and 16th (virtual)
 - February 22 school assembly with guest speaker Charlie 'The Spaniard' Brenneman. A former MMA fighter, Charlie will speak at the assembly and then spend the day at the school meeting students at lunches and in ELD classes.

■ Fiddler on the Roof will be performed for the public on March 4th and 5th.

o Trends

- The District and Board are gauging interest among schools for vape detectors in restrooms. SHMS administration is not keen to the extra maintenance and work required, but will support any initiative put forth.
 - Dr. Robinson added that the money committed to pay for the vape detectors is coming from the lawsuit award against Juul. Many schools, specifically the high schools, are very interested in the vape detectors.
 - SHMS will monitor the initiatives and efforts of these other schools in preparation for the new devices.
- SHMS Math Department is requesting consideration to combine Honors courses with regular courses for 7th and 8th grade.
 - Rationale includes: data and research evidence of improved learning and behavior outcomes for all students; Ft. Herriman Middle has made the transition and is experiencing improvements.
 - Councilmembers would like to see the data and research to support any change. Feedback from their students indicates that Honors classes are better learning environments and the loss of these classes represents a loss of safety and learning to them.
 - Dr. Robinson shared information about the Board and District initiative for 'Portrait of a Graduate' that will help parents and schools have targeted and specific discussions with students to improve learning outcomes and personalized pathways.
 - J. Groethe will bring relevant data and research, as well as continue the conversations with parents and the Math Department.
- Biology and Earth Science classes next year will offer both Honors and regular classes.

o Q & A

- Is the school still pursuing a 'No Cell Phone' policy for 2023-2024?
 - Yes, administration is moving forward with plans to implement a 'No Cell Phone' policy for 2023-2024 at SHMS.
- 2022-2023 LAND Trust Plan Update
 - On pace to spend down below the 10% expectation.
- 2022-2023 TSSA Plan Update
 - On pace to spend down below the 10% expectation.
- Additional Information
 - K. Allred shared the Friends of Herriman collaboration with Eric Dowdle on a Herriman City puzzle that could be used as a fundraiser for the school.
 - J. Groethe will look into the number of fundraisers held by the school this year. By District policy, middle schools cannot have more than four fundraisers in a school year.

- Dr. Robinson wanted to make sure that the SCC sent representation to Jordan Parent Advisory Committee. Each school's SCC is invited to send one representative to discuss concerns, updates, and provide other feedback to District officials and Board members.
 - Top issues from last meeting and coming into next meeting are: more mental health services for students; school safety and reunification; and legislative updates.

Adjourn

• Motion by B. Call to approve; second by K. Allred; passed unanimously