

# **SOUTH HILLS MIDDLE SCHOOL SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

March 15, 2023 at 3:30pm

Main Office Conference Room



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## **Attendance**

Kevin Allred, Terrah Anderson, Bryan Call, Alysha Griffiths, Jim Groethe, Sharon Rinehart, Heather Belcher (non-voting)

## **Call to Order - Bryan Call**

- Approval of Meeting Minutes from January
  - Motion by K. Allred; second by B. Call; passed unanimously.

## **Items**

- Counseling Center Update
  - Hope Week (March 6-10) was a great success. We had more participation in the lunch activities than ever before. Guest speaker, Ryan Stream, was a hit with students. He stayed for all three lunches and interacted with the students. Teachers and students liked the hallway decorations. Posters and activities were in Spanish as well. Tiger Squad created the lessons, decorations, activities, and announcements. They did great!
  - 9th grade PCCRs will be held in April, along with our 9th grade careers unit.
  - MRHS Arena Scheduling for 2023-2024 will be May 4 and 5. More information will be sent to parents and students from MRHS.
  - 9th grade Awards Night will be on May 23.
- Information and Discussion Items
  - Events
    - Friday, April 14, the school will have an assembly with guest speaker, Charlie ‘The Spaniard’ Brenneman. Charlie is a former MMA fighter who will speak to the students about resilience, grit, and hard work. With Friday being a shortened day, we are exploring schedule options which could include two extended lunches with food trucks and outdoor activities.
  - Trends
    - Suspensions are up from the same period last year. The Council had a healthy discussion about reasons for suspensions, alternative consequences explored, and constraints due to federal and state laws, District policies, and parent objections. The school is considering additional supports, programs, and possibilities, as well as moving forward with some plans to keep students in school as much as

possible, while also providing consistency and consequences that support a safe school and an understanding of societal norms and mutual respect.

- K. Allred shared Herriman City's efforts to provide a Youth Court for minor/misdemeanor drug offenses.
- J. Groethe will inquire with Riverton City regarding the possibility of a similar program.

○ Q & A

■ Jordan Parent Advisory Committee Update

- There was not a Council member available to attend the most recent JPAC meeting; however B. Call looked through the agenda and minutes and is appreciative of the ongoing efforts of the Board and the District to seek parent input and provide updates.

■ New Microphones for the Auditorium

- J. Groethe will work with Eric Noyes to increase the number of working microphones as well as an improved rotation in cycling out older or static microphones more frequently.

■ School Spirit and Beautification Efforts

- J. Groethe continues to meet with and evaluate cost effectiveness of adding wall wraps throughout the building to improve the feel and spirit at SHMS. Moving too quickly is cost prohibitive.
- The Council discussed the use of fundraisers to be able move more quickly.

○ J. Groethe was assigned to provide answers to the Council by the end of next week:

- Do PTSA or Council fundraisers count against the four fundraisers allowed by District policy?
- Do "Spirit Nights" at local businesses/restaurants count against the four fundraisers? Each one?
- Who provides the tax exempt certificate should the Council decide to hold a fundraiser?

● 2022-2023 LAND Trust Plan Update

- On plan to spend down below the 10% expectation.
- Due to an error on J. Groethe's part, the TSSA and LAND Trust reports which were run in October through January were based on the wrong year, so the budgets are being adjusted to correct spending. As a result, the year-to-date budget numbers are not available, but can be made available upon request in June.

● 2022-2023 TSSA Plan Update

- On plan to spend down below the 10% expectation.

● 2023-2024 LAND Trust Plan

- Proposal
  - Attached
- Discussion

- The Council would prefer that the LAND Trust Plan look to other student-centered metrics besides end of year tests like RISE and UT Aspire Plus.
  - J. Groethe will research and present other possibilities for those metrics throughout next year's Council meetings.
- Approval
  - Motion to approve by K. Allred; seconded by A. Griffiths; passed unanimously.

### **Adjourn**

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