

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

February 5, 2024, at 4:00 pm

Main Office Conference Room



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**Attendance:** [Jim Groethe](#), [Wendy Grossarth](#), [Alysha Griffiths](#), [Terrah Anderson](#), [Deborah Bracken](#), [Brooke Miller](#), [Melisa Christiansen](#), [Darrell Robinson](#)

## **Call to Order - Wendy Grosarth**

- Approve December 4 SCC Meeting Minutes
  - Motion made: [Heather](#)
  - Motion seconded: [Alysha](#)

## **Items**

- Counseling Center Update
  - Most PCCR meetings are almost complete
  - 6th grade registration happened on Monday.
  - A counselor met with kids at Midas Creek and Blackridge Elementary to ensure those students were included.
  - Registration cards have been collected for 7th and 8th graders. Counselors went into classes to instruct students about the registration process.
  - Elementary school registration cards are collecting them
- School Information
  - Events
    - February 7 - District Health and Wellness Day (No School)
    - February 12 - In-Person Parent-Teacher Conferences
    - February 13 - Virtual Parent-Teacher Conferences
    - February 14 - Teacher Comp Day (No School)
    - February 26 - Site Accreditation Visit (Parents Needed)
      - An agenda is being created, and we will reach out to parents of SCC when it's completed
      - PTSA is going to provide parents as well.
      - Two possible sessions (AM/PM) would allow more parents to participate.
    - February 27 - Student Talent Show
    - March 4 - Salt Lake Bees Assembly
      - The Bees present for 30 minutes
      - NJHS will present for 20 minutes

- March 11 - Choir Concert
- March 12 - Band/Orchestra Concert
- March 14 - District PD Day (No School)
- March 31-April 1 - Spring Break
- April 21 - Utah Warriors Assembly (with an April 26 ‘SHMS Night’ at a match)
- April 30 and May 1 - Block schedule for testing
- May 6 - JSD Math Tournament
  - First-year for middle school tournament in JSD
  - The tournament will be at ASB, and students will be bussed
- May 13 for a NetSmartz Assembly (SCC Responsibility)
  - Tanner Clark
- May 19-23 - Penny Wars Fundraiser?
  - Would like the SBOs to have more involvement
- May 20-9th Grade Awards Program
- June 3 - Memory Book Day
  - PTSA handles the memory book distribution
  - Students report a positive experience last year
  - More food trucks will be needed
  - District DJ will provide music
- June 4 - Lagoon Day
- June 6 - Last Day of School
- Topic
  - Portrait of a Graduate is coming
    - Skills and dispositions for each grade level
    - K-12 plan
    - JSD is creating a P. of G. to align with JSD principals
    - These skills and dispositions could measure students. Concerns were raised that there could be issues related to measurements
  - ‘Honors’ at SHMS
    - 7th and 8th Grades
      - In ELA, Math, and Science, students can complete deeper learning activities embedded in Canvas, which they can complete quarterly or semesterly.
      - 7th Graders coming in will take a placement test and will be able to take an accelerated 7 & 8 course. The following years will be 8 & 9, then Secondary Math II
    - 9th Grade
      - AP Environmental Science
        - No longer have Honor Earth Science, but we will have AP Environmental Science.
      - Pre-AP Language Arts
        - No longer have Honors ELA 9, but will have Pre-AP Language Arts

- Teri McIntyre has been collaborating with district teachers to prepare
      - Jim and a district representative will be meeting with East High School Pre-AP Language Arts courses
      - Biology will continue to have an Honors level courses
    - 2025-2026 LAND Trust Plan
      - Executive Summary that will be used for Accreditation shared
      - 9th Grade Credit Deficiency
        - Credits that were able to be recovered are what is being tracked
      - End-of-Year Test Scores
      - Are there other items that would be beneficial to have as a goal?
        - ML learners and newcomers could correlate with some of the questions
        - In the future, UT Aspire Plus will be gone.
        - Future RISE tests will incorporate more clustered questions
    - Q & A
      - How has the updating of the substitutes of the cell phone policy been?
        - The administration is working on how to address that while balancing substitute expectations.
        - However, the policy is being implemented through the school with fidelity overall.
        - The legislature is proposing bills to implement a statewide phone ban.
      - Art update
        - Jim has been seeking options
        - Future possibilities and options were brought to Mr. Robinson
        - Possibly looking to the community with possible options for connections
      - ML Supports Update
        - Newcomer TA class
        - ELD teacher has a full schedule of classes for English learners
        - 17-hour aide to assist students in classes
        - School-wide identification of essential vocabulary for all students
- **Adjourn**
  - Motion to Adjourn: Terrah
  - Seconded: Alysha