

Bennion Junior High Community Council Agenda

DATE. Sept 22@ 3:15 p.m.

1. Welcome: New members- Brandy Hamstra, Ryan Davidson, Rachel Kimball

Attendance: Principal Brown, Ms. Afoa, Brandyn Seaman, Michelle Benson, Angela Wayman, Stephanie Harding, Michele Belmore, Brandy Hamstra, Ryan Davidson

Visitors:

Not in attendance: Rachel Kimball

2. Approval of minutes from last meeting (Emailed prior)

Motion to approve: **Brandalyn** Seconded:

All in favor: unanimous

3. Counselor update: Our enrollment numbers are steady. Most class numbers are between 32-35. The school has an increase in social and emotional needs for the students. We need to look at getting a full-time social worker for the school. Right now they have one 2 days a week. Student surveys have gone out to see how the students are feeling and where they are at.

4. Principal Report / School and TrustLands/Digital safety/Health and safety/Positive Behavior plan/ Update / Business:

Cell phone policy initiated this week. It was a soft opening. Teachers not taking a lot of phones this week but they are hoping not to have a large number. Predicting a few dozen the first week but will level out to a few a day after that. The teachers have been talking about it in advisory period. There has been some concern from parents about not letting student have their own headphones to do work in class. Mr. Brown has found that the school doesn't have enough headsets to provide the students, so that idea may change.

Positive behavior plan- It is coming along but is difficult because those that were home have missed out on a year of social/emotional development and now are struggling. Also the tik Tok trend has made it worse. They are increasing the number of ROAR cards passed out and making sure the student knows why they are getting them. Each week there is a new focus on a certain behavior (i.e. hallway etiquette). Question: Where are the behavioral issues

happening? It is not the 6th graders, it is a small group of about 25 who are the majority of the problem.

Digital Safety- Planning a Respons-ability? Assembly which will cost \$700 but school will cover it. This will be less disruptive to classrooms than the smaller ones that go from class to class to teach. Students in the past have enjoyed the assembly.

5. New business: next year community council members

Vote for Head chair, vice chair, secretary.

Parent Chair-Angela Wayman, Co-chair-Brandy Hamstra Secretary-Stephanie Harding
Voting was unanimous in favor.

Cell phone policy, stolen items, parents asking about Jammer? (cell phones don't work near school? Mr. Ri grabbing backpacks to send them to the end of the lunch line. Social media presence has been great. It is nice to see what extra activities are offered at the school so we can encourage our kids to attend.

Answers to questions. There is no jammer at the school. That is illegal. The lunch line issue is probably not just a cutting in the lunch line issue but Mr. Brown was not aware of that happening. Rebecca Winter has been doing the social media this year.

6. Follow up business:

7. Other Items / Questions for the Community or Council Members: SEPs 28th (online) and the 29th in person.

8. Assignments / Issues to discuss at next meeting:

Next month we will be looking at BOY testing and proficiency numbers. The testing is different. Went from Lexile to HMH so its like comparing ACT to SATs. We know the students are behind but how much is not completely understood. Also look at what the plan is for COVID funds and the ability to get a social worker or look at a student intern for less money?

Motion to adjourn: Brandalyn Seconded: Ms Afoa All in favor:
unanimous

Next meeting: DATE October 27 @ 3:15 pm