

Eisenhower Jr. High School Community Council Meeting  
School Library  
October 10, 2018

Start Time: 3:10 p.m.

In attendance:

Mark Ellermeier- Principal	Hillary Dalton- parent, Secretary
Betsy Valora- Chairperson	Paula Pratt- parent
Sue Weierman- Teacher	Kaylee Yamashita- parent
Tere Gerber- School Counselor	Ani Lauritzen- parent
Mike Valdez- Teacher	Fern McLelland- teacher
David McEwen- candidate for Granite School Board	Kammie Jones- parent, teacher at Taylorsville High

The meeting was called to order by Betsy Valora, chairperson, who welcomed everyone and had everyone introduce themselves. Betsy then made a motion to elect Hillary Dalton to be Secretary and Sue Wiereman seconded the motion. All in attendance voted in favor of the motion. All in attendance agreed to keep the meeting time as it is: the second Wednesday of every month at 3:15 p.m.

Mr. Ellermeier explained the purpose of a School Community Council which includes the principal, parents and teachers. One of the main purposes of the council is to approve use of Trustland funds.

Current School-Wide Goals:

School-wide goals are submitted in November. Mr. Ellermeier meets with his leadership team (Department Chairs) to create goals. They will decide to focus on Benchmarks, SAGE, or Increased Proficiency. An increase in scores in Literacy and Numeracy are always goals for the school. Currently, SAGE (Language Arts, Science, Math) scores, school-wide are at 30%. Looking at scores in Granite District, Eisenhower is in the top 4 in Math and top 5 in Language Arts.

1. To improve literacy school-wide. Trustlands money is paying for one full-time English teacher, as well as several para-educators.
2. AVID. Trustlands money is paying for PLC training and AVID training. AVID conferences are well worth the money. Participants in the conferences are trained in strategies and practices that help schools increase the number of college-prepared students.

The school received a Federal "Gear-Up" grant of \$200,000. These funds are used to purchase materials and a coordinator in an effort to get one grade to college. Eisenhower's grant is focused on the current 7<sup>th</sup> graders, who will be tracked through their senior year, though the materials purchased will help the entire school.

3. Literacy access. This goal supports goal #1. \$5,000 was given to the media center to purchase new books.

Tere Gerber suggested that the school implement a new goal of fostering or creating a College-Going culture.

Current School-Wide Programs:

This year Eisenhower is focusing on the slogan, "Choose Kindness" in every situation. Each program or association at the school has their individual activities and objectives to support school-wide goals.

1. PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention System)
2. LIA (Latinos in Action)
3. PISA (Polynesian International Students Association)
4. STARS Room— Every student has been given a card giving them access to the STARS room. If a student is having problems concentrating in class or if they are in need of a time-out, they can use this 10-minute pass to calm down. They sign in when they get to the STARS room, providing data on who is using the room and for what reasons. If they are unable to calm down within 10 minutes they will then have access to a counselor.
5. 200 club (Each teacher can give away tickets for good behavior, which are then exchanged for treats)
6. 5 Star General program (good grades and citizenship)

A recent article was written in the Taylorsville Journal about the different clubs at Eisenhower, highlighting Latinos in Action and their advisor, Ms. Burgon. This club started a “store” for students who didn’t have a warm jacket last winter. The store now provides clothes and backpacks as well as jackets.

There are several new teachers this year:

Ms. Garcia- mathematics, Ms. Fenstermacher- science, Ms. Farina- resource, Mr. Nunez- dual immersion, Mr. Heaton- business, Clark-FACS, Ms. Rasmussen- assistant principal, and Mr. Morgan- counselor

The counseling center is delivering curriculum during advisory which has caused less class-time interruption. Counselors are currently meeting with 7<sup>th</sup> grade students and their parents. Twelve percent of parents have made the appointment with their students. To increase that number it was suggested that the counseling center should be more direct in their approach to get parents to that meeting. Assigning a specific time was also suggested.

For 7<sup>th</sup> grade registration next year the counseling center will not be traveling to the elementary schools. They will instead be registering all 7<sup>th</sup> graders on January 16<sup>th</sup> at 7<sup>th</sup> grade orientation. Teachers will be there to provide information and answer any questions parents have before they register for classes.

The PTSA is currently looking for a president. Julia Caldwell has turned in her letter of resignation. A Fall Dance/ Party was being planned. More information on that will be forthcoming.

Upcoming events:

October 11, 6:00 p.m. Latino Outreach Night at Eisenhower (District Event)

October 24, 6:30 p.m. Performing Arts Concert, (Choir/ Instrumental)

October 31, Greek Mythology Dress-up Day. Seventh graders have been studying Greek mythology but any student is welcome to participate. Dress code will be enforced.

In an effort to increase parental support several suggestions were made. The high school uses the Majestic Meadows clubhouse once a month for tutoring for both students and parents. Mr. Ellermeier agreed it is a great idea but wondered if paying for teachers to be there is a big enough return when only a handful of students use this resource. He suggested we focus on at-home visits, phone calls home, and notes home.

The next meeting will be held November 14<sup>th</sup>.

Meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.