Jefferson Junior High School Community Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 20, 2020

*Members in Attendance*
Amy McLaughlin-Parent
Debby Conner-Employee
Rod Horton-Principal
Jamie Jensen- 8th grade Counselor
Natalie Rodgers-Parent
Jessica O'Brien-Parent
Pam Tafili - Teacher
Becki Broadbent-Parent
Misti Smith-Parent-Absent

*Guests*
Angelee Luther-Teacher
Kip Carlsen-Assistant Principal
Ben Horsley-GSD Media Specialist

*AGENDA ITEMS*

The Council Members approved the minutes for *March / April 2020. *Due to the Coronavirus, business was conducted through emails.

We reviewed our safe walking plan and discussed concerns and future improvements. We will send information out to parents and students with the fall registration packets.

Counselor Minute

Jamie Jensen, our 7th grade counselor, talked about some of the different supports for our students, they have been implementing during the 4th quarter.

Some students that have challenges already needed extra support with the distant learning and not being able to come to school and be with their peers and teachers. It has been challenging for everyone, our kids, teachers, parents, administration, and support staff.

Lynda Patrick, our 8th grade guidance counselor, will be retiring this year after 26+ years at Jefferson. We wish her well and will miss her dearly. She is on to a new adventure. We will be having a new counselor coming to Jefferson in the fall, Jenna Gardner, from Diamond Ridge Elementary.
**LAND TRUST PLAN**

Mr. Horton talked about the plans for next year's budget. We will continue to focus on our main goals. The Lexia program has been very successful in helping out students to improve their reading skills. We have seen great improvements. Congratulations to our students and teachers. We are continuing to adjust class sizes and schedules. We will have an Instructional Coach for our teachers. We will continue to have classroom paraprofessional.

We will need to replace /repair some of the Chromebooks for our students.

**UPDATES**

Ben Horsley came to review the Reconfiguration Survey Results with the Council members. He went over how the data was analyzed and what the results indicated, for pros and cons of bringing the 6th grade to the junior high schools in the Kearns Network of Granite District.

The results were (19%) Neutral (37% + -) opposed (40% + -) support. This is a typical result of parent surveys.

After the presentation, Mr. Horton asked each member for their thoughts on reconfiguration for Jefferson. After our discussion the majority of Council Members support to continue with 7th and 8th grades only at Jefferson. There were several different reasons that the council felt this would be in the best interest of our school at this time.

Next Meeting: TBD
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