

Jefferson Junior High School Community Council Meeting Minutes

October 20, 2020 Tuesday 3:30 p.m. Room 103

***Members in Attendance**

Rod Horton-Principal
Kip Carlsen-Assistant Principal
Debby Conner-Secretary-Staff
Jenna Gardner-7th grade Counselor
Natalie Rodgers-Chair-Parent
Jessica O'Brien-Parent
Pam Tafili - Teacher
Becki Broadbent-Vice Chair-Parent
Jeff Lee-Parent

***AGENDA ITEMS**

The council discussed and decided to change the date for the meetings to the 3rd Tuesday of each month.

The time will stay at **3:30 p.m.** This change was made to better accommodate the member's schedules.

The meetings will be from 3:30 pm to 4:30 p.m. in the Conference Room or Library or rm. 103. TBD

***Counselor Minute**

Our 7th grade counselor talked about some of the different supports for our students, they have been implementing during the beginning part of the school year. Some students that have challenges already, needed extra support with the distant learning and not being at school and being with their peers and teachers. We have had some return from distant learning and other students change to distant learning. It has been challenging for everyone, our kids, teachers, parents, administration, and support staff. October's Social Emotional Lesson is Stress Management.

Mr. Horton explained how Covid-19 is affecting our enrollment. We currently have **765 students. 180 are distant learners.** 20 are in quarantine due to exposure to Covid-19 either directly or indirectly. **We discussed the challenges of distant learning and the Proficiency Based Grading System.** Grades are determined by 3 assessments, using the most recent score. We have Paraprofessional helping with contacting these students.

***TSSA & LAND TRUST PLAN 2020-21**

We read in the District School Community Council Handbook. (Pg.13-14 Rules of Order and Parliamentary Procedure). We also watched a training video.

We will continue to focus on our main goals. The Lexia program has been very successful in helping our 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 have an Instructional Coach for our teachers. We will continue to have classroom paraprofessionals.

***UPDATES**

We have purchased Chromebooks cases for our students. **Each student will be assigned a Chromebook, case & charger for the year to use both at school and at home.** They are responsible to care for them and have them with them at school. Students are responsible for damages to the Chromebook assigned to them. Hopefully, the cases will help minimize damages. **Thank you to Michelle Reed for all her work in getting this accomplished.**

We reviewed the district and schoolwide policies for Covid-19 protocol. Masks, social distancing, cleaning, contact tracing, reporting illnesses, etc. **We are being very vigilant in our efforts to keep everyone at the school safe.**

The reconfiguration plan for school passed in favor of changing to 6th grade-8th grade. (6, 7, 8,)

for next school year (2021-22). The School Board voted 6-1 in favor. We discussed how we can help make this a smooth and positive experience for the students and their families. We will have individualized appointments for Jump to Jefferson this year.

We discussed the pros and cons of the **schedule plans for next year (2021-22). We will be going from a 5x5 (5 periods a day, 5 days a week) to a 5x7 (7 periods a day, 5 days a week) next year.** This was proposed and voted upon by the council and approved with encouragement from the council to involve the teachers in the decision.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 17, 2020 at 3:30 p.m.

Minutes compiled by
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