

Jefferson Junior High School Community Council Meeting Minutes

September 15, 2020 Wednesday 3:30 p.m. Conference Room (Main Office)

***Members in Attendance**

Rod Horton-Principal
Debby Conner-Staff
Jamie Jensen-8th grade Counselor
Natalie Rodgers-Parent
Jessica O'Brien-Parent
Pam Tafili - Teacher
Becki Broadbent-Parent

Guests

Kip Carlsen-Assistant Principal
Jenna Gardner-7th grade Counselor

***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. We chose our officers. **Natalie Rodgers** will now serve as our **Chair**.

***Counselor Minute**

Our 7th and 8th grade counselors talked about some of the different supports for our students, they have been implementing during the first few weeks of school. 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. It has been challenging for everyone, our kids, teachers, parents, administration, and support staff.

Mr. Horton explained how the A/B schedule with Friday for Distant Learning will work for the teachers and students.

We would like to welcome **Jenna Gardner as our new 7th grade Counselor.**

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

We read in the District School Community Council Handbook. (Pg. 2 & 8).

Mr. Horton talked about the plans for this 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 paraprofessionals.

We have purchased Chromebooks for our students. **Each student will be assigned a Chromebook & 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.

***UPDATES**

This year our Fall Parent Teacher Conferences will be a little different, due to Covid-19. Information is being sent home about these changes. **The students will be having a student led conference at home.** Each student will fill out a Progress Form for each of their classes. They will discuss how they are doing in school and their progress form with their parent(s)/guardian(s). **Teachers will be available to meet with parents in their classrooms during the conferences on September 22 & 23 at 4:00-7:00 p.m.**

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.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 20, 2020

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