

Kennedy Jr High Community Council (SCC)

Nov 14, 2019 3:00 PM in the Conference Room.

In attendance: Mary Basso, Brenda Shamo, Chrissy Breeze, Caroline Mitchell, Jill Walgamott, Jon Talbot, Adam Gallagher, Cindy Turner

Welcome: Brenda Shamo

Grade Reconfiguration update: Vision statements have been submitted for Hunter Elementary, Sandburg Elementary and Kennedy Jr High. Statements are still needed from Academy Park, David Gourley, Jackling and Silver Hills. Ms. Basso is planning on reaching out to those schools. Mary will report more on this next meeting. However, deadlines will not be met for 6th grade to move up to the junior high for the next school year.

Testing growth information: 1 facet of our turn around grading is percent growth. ELA has had 6% Mathematics 2% growth and while we did not have a score from last year, it has gone from 36-51%. We have shown proficiency growth and percentile growth in every area, but we need to show more growth than the bottom 3 percent of schools in Utah.

Class Priorities next year: CCA classes will be returning for our 8th graders, all 7th graders will take Health. Digital Literacy will be incorporated for all 8th graders. Other than that course options will remain the same including honors and GT. Also, the 7 period day with an advisory will stay the same. On a side note Ms. Basso and the counselors are being quicker to respond to data and several students have been moved to higher classes.

Current plan budget: Amendments have been turned in to increase the technology and general supply budget. We did not end up having to use and Land Trust money to buy out a portion of an FTE so that extra money has been reallocated to those other areas.

December meeting? Brenda Shamo made a motion to not have a December meeting unless we had something of great importance come up. Jon Talbot made the second and it was voted unanimously in the affirmative to cancel.

Other: The topic of helping our students become more fluent in reading was brought up and brainstormed. Parent involvement with testing, using extra funds to get a reading specialist or buy out extra periods if needed. Reading incentives, pins for lanyards, book vending machine, experiences vs. objects. There was a question about what phones are available for students after school. Offices open until 3:30. After school phones available for students participating in the after school program until 5:30 and coaches let players use their phones after practice. Ms. Basso also expressed that any student could ask a custodian to open an office to use phone. But students should be with groups (and they all have access to phones) and not just wandering in the building.

Next month we will be talking more about Reading and the budget.

Next meeting will be the second Thursday in January at 3:00 pm.