

School Community Council Meeting

Minutes: September 26, 2016 (Approved 10/24/2016)

Present: Dawn Hauser, Karli Lamar, Tara James, Monica Wilbur, Keith Lawson, Eric Olsen, David Searle, Cindy Thomsen, Daniel Bartholoma

Meeting was called to order at 3:30 PM by David Searle

Council was welcomed and introductions made.

School Community Council election results were announced and terms were reviewed. Roster was distributed for initialing and for verification of accurate information.

Rules of Order were read and reviewed by Daniel Bartholoma.

Transition Update:

Principal Hauser led the Council in a discussion of the positive aspects of the reconfiguration and shared that it has been a great start to the new school year. Traffic issues were discussed, including concerns about lack of crossing guards at all crosswalks. Parking lot issues were discussed and Karli Lamar shared the student initiative she is facilitating with her extension students to promote safer conditions for students.

Monica Wilbur shared concerns about the Pledge of Allegiance not being said each day. The law requiring students to voluntarily lead the Pledge were discussed and explained.

Cindy Thomsen and Monica Wilbur shared feedback and concerns about Student-led Conferences. Some parents don't like the format and prefer the previous format. Feedback included comments like "it was a waste of time" and "I could have done this at home with my student" were shared. Research (John Hattie) was referenced and teacher and counselor council members shared their feedback on positive student impact and encounters. The majority of members voiced support and positive experiences with SLCs. It was decided that better communication with parents is necessary to help parents fully understand the purpose and research. The parent letter will be revised for spring SLCS and Canyon Creek Scheduler will be utilized for parents to make their own appointments online. Students will compose "Letter to Parents" with less dictation and will be encouraged to write their own letters. It was also suggested the SLC portion could be shortened to 15 minutes, some teacher members suggested students needed the whole 20 minutes, even more. A poll will be taken with the entire faculty.

MJHS Newsletter items were discussed and the following were suggested by the council for the October issue:

- Intramural Schedule (link to webpage)
- Pledge of Allegiance law, procedures
- Safety – crosswalk concerns, parking lot procedures
- Student-led Conference Information

Successes/Concerns: the intervention/extension schedule and advisory program were highlighted as a success thus far this school year.

David Searle motioned for adjournment, seconded by Dawn Hauser at 5:05 PM