

Community Council Notes: 1-28-19 *Approved with amendments 2-25-19*

Present: Principal Dawn Hauser, Cindy Thomsen, Lisel Zito, Melanie Moore, Charity Wright, Brooklyn Gerritsen (Student Council), Sadie Christensen (Student Council), Zach Dickison, Bobby Brown, Shyanne Archibald, Robert Goodick, Holli Meza

3:30 pm start time

8th grade cards: more elective choices

Student Council: amazing, we are very proud of them, thank you

Motion to accept minutes: (Hauser) Seconded: Zito

Updates: Utah Mid-Level Association in March, Council pay registration cost (\$100 stipend for teachers)

3 instructional coaches:

- 1- Reading support: Mr. Daufenbach
- 2- Engagement: Mr. Penrod
- 3- Class Management: Mr. Ahmad

Dramatic improvement in behavior data, lower office referrals, not seen downward trend in suspensions

Suspensions are safety driven

Budget: Cost encumbered in substitute teachers, moving from field trips to substitutes

AVID grant: funds college visits

Amendment for supplies \$750.00 (plan to accommodate late billing toward technology goal): all council members voted in support of the amendment

Land Trust: \$128,950 (\$9,000 increase from last year)

Plans for land trust please email to Principal Hauser

PBG: math concerns changes and adjustments made

Feedback from parents and students about PBG (math) some credit for all correct work, any student can retake assessments, previous quarter retake up to teacher discretion; teachers have always had that discretion

A three score can carry if it adequately reflects proficiency; third assessment had shown a dip

Student council representatives both liked the change

After School Program can accommodate PBG testing, can get a ticket

Worksheet handed out with 7 points (proficiency check skills, proficiency aligned with district, math addressed building electronic resources utilized by parents, flash cards are being used instead of math books (\$40,000 spent on math books), math is working on electronic resources to capture instruction, math department looking at online tools other than Khan Academy)

Helpful to review previous math lesson on electronic tool

Benchmark data: math students performing above district average, title 1 funding for math?

Compacted math students high proficiency, 8th grade math students above average, Secondary Math 1 students above average

IXL program: families can buy a license according to a Council member

Teachers would need a license for IXL, requires more investigation and comparison to CANVAS

IXL walks students through math, being utilized at West Lake

Math department working to address concerns

Teachers completed the December Training, March 21st another training offered for teachers during student non- attendance day (SNAD) breakout style

Teachers Brown and Dickison will be speaking at training

Overall pulse of anxiety due to PBG seems to be less according to one school counselor

Student Council students: one in favor of PBG, the other indicated it's hard to go from straight A's to B's but it helps people who are failing, student council member said it would feel better without grades but to just see proficiency

High School students will still receive a letter grade even with PBG

A history of A's is not always a predictor of A's with PBG

Parents can reward citizenship if they so chose

Students can earn lanyard pins: Respectful, Responsibly, Ready (only GPA tie in), on MJH webpage

Focus on citizenship and growth

RI charts: 8th grade increase 12 point average (need 50 point gain)

RI=Reading Inventory

7th grade increase by 53

Incentive students with pins and possible swag

Some 8th grade students may not take testing seriously, teachers are trying to motivate them

8th grade students has been traditionally difficult for emotional growth for some

7th grade students are role modeling for 8th grade currently

Students can check out books during lunch

PGB concerns: "it is what it is." None other mentioned

PBG concerns can be addressed after Student Led Conferences

Wright: motion to have parent concern questionnaire in the classroom

Secoded by Meza

Gear Up Grant/AVID: Dickison teaching AVID and Gear up Grant funded

AVID is taught during school, students need to be motivated to attend the class independent of their guardian

AVID for the mid achiever: 2.0 to 3.5 GPA, want to work hard, need help with note-taking and organization, great for first generation college student, not a remedial class, Tiger Binder checked once a week, tutoring to begin one month after class has begun, students explain a problem and try to solve it with a college student

Gear Up Grant Coordinator: Erica Cooper, housed in the counseling center, funding to follow current 7th grade students, grant writing proposal for other incoming 6th grade students in the works, budget for summer school and field trips

MJH would like to increase AVID classes

AVID use Wilcor strategies (Wilcor= Writing, Inquiry, Collaboration, Organization, Reading), best instructional practice imbedded across all classes and content areas

Matheson Way is the companion class to AVID like an introduction to AVID (1st semester and Utah Studies 2nd semester)

AVID uses organizational binders (zipper binder), teachers trained with FTE

Data on AVID student's post- secondary history and AVID students like to tutor one another

AVID works better if teachers buy in

AVID available to 8th grade

Granite Park Junior High (AVID school) student growth, high risk population, MJH to parallel GPJH

Building Committee voted on current binders, students need to be interviewed as to what works best for them

Student Council to discuss Tiger Binders and come up with a fair criteria

Staff Changes: Ms. Larsen (media center) retired in December, the District is filing in, Mr. Eller resigned and replaced by Mr. Huxford, Ms. Smargis-Schumate resigned and Mr. Pollock took over

Move to Matheson February 6th for incoming 6th grade students and parents

7th graders to take Digital Literacy, Matheson Way

1 credit of elective (7th)

8th grade: lots of elective options Digital Literacy loosely required

7th grade CCA class addresses Digital Literacy

7 period schedule replace A/B block, has reduced number of kids in crisis reporting to the counseling center (went from 4 to 3 counselors)

Tiger Power Day next year? **Intervention day, Advisory time every day during the 7th period day**

7 period allows teachers to see students daily

Class fees are in alignment with Granite Board of Education

Departments are held to task with budget, budget reviewed in May

Student Council does not have a fee they go to Lagoon as a reward in the spring

Matheson Way beneficial to all students

Successes: Future Cities beat Olympus Junior

Lego League: 14th place (4 slots from state competition)

MJH recognized for proper use of budget

Teacher Professional Development: watched movie "Most Likely to Succeed", Socratic seminar related to AVID, kids are responsible are engaged in learning

Food Bank (Snowflakes) by Student Council raised \$600

Links (Student Council) raised \$600 so far (goal to raise \$700) each student asked to donate 60 cents, going toward Granite Education Foundation

Quilts (Student Council) students donate jeans for quilts; quilts are donated to the homeless shelter

Concern about truancy: Doctor notes do not count against truancy

Goodick to attend District Community Council: will report back

Archibald motioned to Adjourn

Hauser seconded the motion (4:48 pm)