

Olympus Junior High
Community Council Meeting Notes
March 11, 2021

Attending Council Members: Becky Jensen (Chair), Juliane Taylor (Vice-Chair), Corrine Kendall (Staff), Josh LeRoy (Principal), Heather Hale (Parent), Tayna Bates (Parent), Meg Thunnell (Parent)

Non-attending Members: JoAnne Brown (Teacher), Steve Rossi (Teacher), Elise Soukup (Parent)

Guest: Levi Negley (Taylorsville High)

Approval of February Minutes: motioned by Becky, 2nd by Juliane Taylor, all in favor

I. What should school look like in the Fall? What aspects of this year would we like to keep?

*Some suggested keeping Fridays as a dedicated day to help students who need extra support. Distance Learning Fridays was a state allowance for just this pandemic year, but maybe the teachers could use Friday class time to focus on intervention/extension.

*The District will work on putting together a k-12 online program. There will be no electives and it will be synchronous with a High School block schedule for both JH/HS. The District intends this program to target the 3% of the student population in the district with major health risks.

*Currently, many Distance Learners are coming back. The administration and counselors have done a great job of reaching out to everyone to encourage them to come back.

*Advisory will come back M-Th for 21 minutes. Monday Advisory will include social/emotional lessons (a homeroom catch-all), Tuesday and Thursday Advisory will be designated content days for additional help/reteaching - mostly remediation.

*Josh suggests that the students do not use lockers. There is a concern about 6th graders with heavy textbooks that they have to carry around, but there has been no theft.

II. Principal's Report:

Staffing plan: Our enrollment numbers are going down and consequently we have fewer FTE's for next year. Two teachers that are retiring will not be replaced.

Red Ribbon Week: This will be a week focusing on CONNECTION. It is student driven (involving the SBOs and ambassadors) There will be activities during 2nd period and lunchtime to help students open their eyes to the fact that we're all similar and we all struggle. The goal is to do this next year in September.

III. Land Trust Discussion: (state website is currently dead)

The Council voted on the Land Trust Plan outlined in last month's meeting. The vote was unanimous in favor.

IV. Community Comments: none

Motion to adjourn: Becky Jensen, seconded by Rossi

Next Community Council Meeting on Thursday, **April 11 @ 3:15 pm**