

**Valley Jr High  
Community Council  
November 17, 2020**

- Welcome
- Introductions of all members and visitors
- Review of Grade Data for first quarter

○ **All students:**

GRADE	7TH Q-1 2020	7TH Q-1 2019		8TH Q-1 2020	8TH Q-1 2019
0-0.99	17%	6%		26%	14%
1.0-1.99	18%	14%		17%	17%
2-2.99	22%	29%		19%	26%
3-3.99	34%	39%		31%	31%

○ **Distance Learners:**

7th Grade				8th Grade		
	Total DL	% of DL			Total DL	% of DL
0-0.99	311	36.25%		0-0.99	474	45.97%
1.0 - 1.99	201	23.43%		1.0 - 1.99	214	20.76%
2 - 2.99	150	17.48%		2 - 2.99	158	15.32%
3. 3.99	184	21.45%		3. 3.99	167	16.20%
4	12	1.40%		4	18	1.75%
Total:	858			Total	1031	
	All 7th Graders	% of all 7th Graders			All 8th Graders	% of all 8th Graders
0-0.99	444	17.72%		0-0.99	659	25.57%
1.0 - 1.99	455	18.16%		1.0 - 1.99	432	16.76%
2 - 2.99	559	22.31%		2 - 2.99	502	19.48%
3. 3.99	876	34.96%		3. 3.99	802	31.12%
4	172	6.86%		4	182	7.06%
Total:	2506			Total	2577	

- Distance Learning Update
  - 288 Students are signed up as distance learners for 1 or more periods
  - 769 total students - 37.5% of all students
  - Added supports
  - Intervention efforts
- Covid Precautions and questions
  - Masks are going well but we all experience mask-fatigue
  - District believes school spread is less than 3%
  - Spike in community in past two weeks includes VJH
  - Discrepancy in dashboard and reported numbers
- Action Item: LandTrust Plan amendment
  - Plan originally was to have full-time social worker
  - Unable to hire a qualified SW
  - Proposal to shift funds to teacher pay for:
    - FTE shortfall (2.75% FTE or approx \$2,000)
    - Leadership Team support time (\$6,000) and extra period pay for distance learner teacher “prep buyout” (\$30,000)
    - Any additional funds available will be allocated towards technology (chromebooks) as previously decided upon
- TSSA Adjustment to mirror loss of social worker addition and pay to go towards Distance Learner prep buyouts as well as technology to support Distance Learners
- School Communications - Questions and suggestions
- Adjourn

## **Minutes from the meeting, 11-17-2020**

**Council Members Present:** Michelle Steenblich (Chair), Jacob Ballentine (Vice Chair), Rich Nielsen, DeMarie Hoover, Sherree Allison, Rachael Elliott, Beckie Hennessy, Trisha Paul

**Members Excused:** Pam Musselman

**Welcome New Members of the Council:** Trisha Paul, Beckie Hennesy, Pam Musselman

**Parents present:** Irene and Dan Gudmenson

### **Discussed the data displayed in the agenda.**

Valley has a high number of DL in comparison to the rest of the junior high's.

The school is working on how to engage the DL, we have done home visits, calls, emails, and streaming lessons to the homes.

### **COVID**

The students are doing really well with masks, in spite of the fatigue. The district Dashboard shows COVID spreading is about 3% in the schools. The case numbers on the dashboard are behind.

### **Action Item: LandTrust Plan**

We need to amend it, we allocated funds to get a social worker. We could not hire one, so we are planning on buying out teacher preps, funding stipends for leadership team work and additional technology support (chromebooks). It was approved with 8 In Favor - 0 Opposed - 1 Absent

### **TSSA**

We are going to do similar changes with the funds as well as funds going towards technology.

**How is communication with teachers and parents.** Some emails are large, and some parents may not want to read through the whole thing. As a whole communication is good and parents are pleased with the openness from the school.

### **Christmas Store**

Mrs. Hoover has some items for the school christmas store. We discussed where to have the store (room 37).

A question was asked about the food bank.

### **Adjournment**