



Millcreek Junior High School

Community Council Agenda for February 9, 2017

Community Council Members

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Agenda Items

Welcome:

PTA News:

- Love Stomp: February 10 and is FREE
- Envelope fundraiser will end this week. Received 250 envelopes.
- White Ribbon Week: February 21-27
 - Thursday Assembly: Netsmart

Counselor's Corner:

- February 22: Incoming 7th grade orientation
- March 2: Incoming 9th grade registration
- March 3: Incoming 8th grade registration

School Business:

MJH Bragging Rights: Please see attached.

- How can we help the science department? Give them collaboration and planning time. Community Council can help fund them the opportunity for teachers to attend conferences.
- We will meet next month to discuss the budget for next school year.

Block Schedule Discussion

- Create more elective space for kids to explore interests, and have room to take full year elective courses (i.e. band, orchestra, foreign language).
- Digital Literacy is a new state required course that students need to take in 7th or 8th grade.
- A/B Day for 80 minutes of class time and 80 minutes of teacher productivity daily.

“Focus on Learning”



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- Class size: 7 period day is 31 average class size and 4 period day 36 average class size.
- 8 of 16 district junior highs are on a block schedule
- Reduce stress of kids because they only have four class periods per day.
- Teachers will need professional development to help with the transition to teaching longer class periods.
- It was mentioned that a block schedule has not shown to have a negative impact on test scores.
- It would be great to have more foreign languages introduced in the future.
- Everyone in attendance voted in FAVOR of the block schedule for the 2017-2018 school year.

Other:

Next Meeting: March 23, at 3:45 PM