

Minutes from Syracuse Junior High School Community Council Meeting January 10, 2018

Attending: Dr. Hadlock, Kenneth Hellewell, Zach Poulter, Shelly Thorne, Vicki Hassard, Tracie Garritson, Vanessa Stone, Katie Barton, Michele Swenson, Jen Rowbury, Mrs. Richins

Absent: John Shaw, Rachel Davies, Doug Peterson, Kelly Haacke, Heidi Jensen, Stephenie Teague

Minutes approved

Trustland Funding Reports:

The English Department attended the UTCE conference and the team feedback is that it was a success. Many teachers have implemented the strategies they learned there. They also purchased laptop computers that flip into tablets. This has made lessons more interactive for the students and has enabled the teachers to be more mobile in the classroom.

The Music department purchased the Smart Music program which gives the students immediate feedback and is very effective. They also purchased membership in Legacy Music Alliance. A choir accompanist was hired, which has been very helpful. They were also able to create a new orchestra class so now 8th and 9th grade orchestra are 2 separate classes.

Good News! GESET Grant was approved. This means that the Special Education Class will receive a set of laptop computers!

Ken Hellewell reported on the Trustlands Meeting with the Board and superintendent. They were told how the Trustlands money had been spent by SJH. They received a tour of the school, including several classrooms in action. Good education was going on and is going on on a regular basis.

Vicki reported that the QPR Training in December was poorly attended. We discussed that it was a busy night and so parent teacher conferences were not well attended that night either.

Report on the status of A/C for the building was that Syracuse Junior is on the schedule to receive air conditioning this summer!

Mrs. Richins informed us that several new courses were added this year and told us of the new courses that will be added this next school year: 2017-2018: Study Hall, Study Skills, Earth Systems Honors, Dance, Pep Squad, DLI Spanish Immersion. 2018-2019: Digital Literacy, Secondary Math I Honors, Chinese 5 DLI Immersion, Art Foundations Level 1 Honors. Keyboarding will no longer be offered. Future Considerations: AP Computer Science, Robotics, Creative Coding, and Realignment of CCA, and possible Project Lead the Way Courses.

Next meeting will be Wednesday, February 14, at 4:00 pm