

Syracuse Jr High Community Council Minutes October 12, 2016

1. **Attending:** Kenneth Hellewell, Doug Peterson, Paul Greenlee, Amy Mikkleson, Kelly Haacke, Charlene Kellmer, Ken Hadlock, Lois Green, Cindy Rhoades, Kallie Hansen, Dawnene Young
2. **Review of Minutes:** The minutes from the September 2016 meeting were read and approved.
3. **Fundraisers-School Policy:** Proposed by Ken, SJH fundraiser policy will require clubs to submit a financial needs request to Community Council for approval. Once approved it will be advertised to the community to submit donations. Requests are to be submitted at the beginning of the school year to be placed on the priority list with additional applications accepted throughout the year if money allows. A motion was made to address this at the next faculty meeting to let teachers know what the plan is.
4. **Vacant Positions:** Council members unanimously agreed to have 2 members from each elementary school and 3 at-large members. The one open at-large position was filled by Jennifer Rowbury (Cook Elementary). Motion was made to discuss and approve in the Bylaws.
5. **Bylaws Vote:** Bylaw committee numbers will be changed to 9 members, 2 from each elementary and 3 at-large, effective in the 2016-17 school year. Committee members requested to change Article VIII to say members instead of officers. Motion was made by Ken to approve the bylaws and the motion was approved by all committee members.
6. **Trustland Budget Update Additional Money:** Committee members looked at the budget and motioned to make an addendum to reallocate funds to Goal 6: Other School Needs under the category Community Council Approved Grants. The forms will be completed by Kenneth and submitted, once approved. Principal Hadlock accepted the responsibility to create a grant request form to be put on the school website for teachers to access. It was decided that the current money request forms from teachers will have to be addressed later, once the budget is changed.
7. **Homework Guidelines-District Guidelines Discussion:** Committee members discussed the need to review the district guidelines with teachers at the next faculty meeting. It was also suggested that teachers ask parents and students for an estimated time frame of how long it took to complete assignments. A motion was made to discuss this at the end of the month and report back at the next Community Council meeting.
8. **School Activities Communication:** Committee members addressed the need of having a weekly email sent out to parents of the school, alerting them to upcoming events. It was decided that a weekly email will be send out. Format and specifics are forthcoming.
9. **November Agenda Items:** It was agreed upon by all members that a “topics for next month’s agenda” be added to the end of each agenda. November agenda items include: 1) Seahawk Time 2) the approval of Goal 6 in the Trustland Budget 3) air conditioning 4) traffic pattern for pickup.
10. **Adjourn:** Next Community Council meeting is scheduled for November 9th at 5 pm in the conference room.