

# Syracuse Jr High Community Council Minutes

## November 9, 2016

1. **Attending:** Kenneth Hellewell, Doug Peterson, Paul Greenlee, Ken Hadlock, Kallie Hansen, Dawnene Young, Stephenie Teague, Heidi McCowen, Joanna Richins, Dana Howard, Khurshid Zaidi
2. **Review of Minutes:** The minutes from the October 2016 meeting were read. Jennifer Rowbury will be added to the September minutes as the newest member of community council. The minutes were approved.
3. **Action Items Review:** A review of items not discussed at last meeting.
  - a. Item 1: some of the teacher in-service Trustland money will be used as a stipend for the PLC Conference, summer of 2017.
  - b. Item 2: Homework Policy- the policy was reviewed by email but due to lack of feedback will be brought up at the next faculty meeting on November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016.
  - c. Item 3: Fundraiser feedback from faculty meeting- no objections were brought up so the policy will be implemented at SJH.
4. **Money for Grants Clarified:** it was decided that the \$10,000 of Trustland money allocated to Goal #3: Technology will be used to purchase 20 Lenovo ThinkPads. It was advised that the purchasing of laptops and technology at SJH be done with a long term goal in mind.
5. **Grant Applications:** Clarifications were made that monies will be used as the council sees fit. Seven teachers put in grant requests and the council looked at all of them. It was decided that the following action will take place and a motion was made to approve it:
  - a. The band software request made by Zach Poulter will be approved without using Trustland monies.
  - b. A full mobile computer lab, which will meet the needs of credit recovery and all school departments, will be purchased that includes 40 laptops and 2 charging carts. It will be funded by using monies from the following Trustland Goals:
    - i. Goal #2: College, Career, and Community Readiness, Goal #3: Technology and Goal #4 Student Recognition.
  - c. A full inventory of all technologic devices at SJH will be made and numbers will be reported at the January Community Council meeting. The Technology Committee will discuss how the inventory will be made at their meeting on November 11, 2016.
  - d. It was decided that the money allocated for student incentives be moved to fund the computer lab to better align with the 2016-17 school improvement plan.
  - e. A total of \$14,000 dollars will be taken out of the Trustland grant budget which leaves approximately \$4,000 available to use. The remaining teacher grant requests will be looked at after the computers have been purchased. Teachers will be made aware of this decision to hold all other grants for the time being.
  - f. A question was brought up about the ALEKS software license. The issue was raised that the fee is a flat fee each year and that raised concerns among the council members. A question was also raised by council members as to how ALEKS will be used in the curriculum at SJH. This will be talked about at the next meeting.
6. **Traffic Pattern for Pickup:** This topic of discussion will be put on hold until the January meeting, as the member who requested it was not in attendance at the meeting.
7. **Advisory Review:** A full report will be made in January about the effectiveness of the new advisory change (went back to last year's schedule of weekly priority days). A question was raised to be brought up to the Advisory Committee as to how to let students who have questions for any curriculum course get the help that they need during advisory.

8. **What Do We Want to Measure?** The council approved the decision to continue the practice of tracking the number of F's as well as the overall GPA of each student at SJH. The spreadsheet used by Principal Keime during the 2015-16 school year will be used. The first data review will be during the February Community Council meeting, after the end of the first semester.
  
9. **Topics for Consideration Next Meeting:** The following topics will be addressed at the January Community Council meeting:
  - a. Traffic pickup pattern
  - b. Technology inventory
  - c. Advisory review
  - d. Teacher grant requests
  - e. Homework Policy review and feedback
  
10. **Adjourn:** Next Community Council meeting is scheduled for January 11, 2017 at 5 pm in the Conference Room. On December 6, 2016 the Davis School Board Meeting will take place at SJH. A presentation will be made starting at 4 pm with the board meeting starting at 5:30 pm.