Syracuse Junior High
Community Council Minutes
January 11, 2017

1. **Attending**: Kenneth Hellewell, Doug Peterson, Paul Greenlee, Ken Hadlock, Kallie Hansen, Dawnene Young, Heidi McCowen,, Charlene Kellmer, Kelly Haacke, Lois Green, Jessica Constant

2. **Review of Minutes:** The minutes from November 2016 were read and approved.

3. **Action Items Review:**
   Homework Policy Follow-up: It was decided among council members that Principal Hadlock will have a discussion with the math department about homework expectations.

4. **Traffic Pattern for Pickup:** The concern about traffic flow pattersns was presented by Charlene Kellmer. It was discussed that the concrete barrier will soon be removed from the East parking lot (as per Syracuse City Fire Department orders)

5. **Computer Inventory Report**: A report of all computers in the school was presented to council members. An additional 10 laptops that are in Miss Hansen's room were added to the inventory report. A new set of 40 laptops were purchased and are in the process of getting set up for use. It was decided that they will stay in the media center and will be under the direction of Lois Green. Mrs. Green will be in charge of checking them out to teachers, charging them, etc. The issue of laptops for credit recovery was raised. It was decided that an additional 10 laptops will be purchased as well as a charging cart (to make the set a total of 20). All questions regarding the future of desktop computer labs vs roving laptops labs will be taken to the school technology committee.

6. **Lunch and Learn–Program Description:** The concern about the program purpose was raised by Kallie Hansen. After discussing the program with community council it was decided that a new program description was needed. The description, written by Kallie Hansen and approved by the council members will include the following:
   - L &L will be for any class required graduation (9th grade)
   - 7the and 8th grade will be core classes only
   -the mentors are the only people who will identify the students with Fs who need the additional help
   - teachers with concerns about students can report to the Local Case Management team who will address and take concerns to the mentors.

Lunch and Learn Program Description:
Lunch and Learn is a program designed to help failing students receive additional support during school hours. Lunch and Learn Mentors will be solely responsible for identifying failing students. Mentors will review all student grades once per week and identify students eligible for Lunch and Learn. Students will eat lunch during the last 10 minutes. Once students have finished their assignments/raised their grade, they no longer need to attend Lunch and Learn. Classes eligible for consideration will be 7th-9th grade core classes and all classes required for graduation. Teachers who have concerns about specific students can report apprehensions to the Local Case Management Team (LCMT). If determined, LCMT will take all concerns to the Lunch and Learn Mentors.

7. **<u>Trustlands Budget Review:</u>** After looking at the updated Trustlands budget, it was determined that all money has been committed to be spent this school year. It was determined that Principal Hadlock will be allowed to allocated small purchases of monies to professional development for Syracuse Jr. High teachers, upon request. A plan for PLC and professional development plans for June will be drafted by Dr. Hadlock and presented to the council at a later date for approval.

8. **<u>Discussion of Robotics Club Funding:</u>** Proposed by Jessica Constant, it was decided that the wording in the Trustlands Budget will be changed.
- Under Goals 4 &5 Other School Needs it will state the following: Robotics Equipment and Competition Supplies

9. **<u>Topics for Consideration Next Meeting:</u>** The use of library time and the Spanish Immersion Program will be added to the February meeting agenda.

10. **<u>Adjourn:</u>** The next Syracuse Community Council will be held on Wednesday, February 8, 2017, at 5:00 p.m. in Conference Room