

Syracuse Junior High School **MINUTES**

Community Council Agenda

Conference Room

April 11, 2018

4:00 PM

- Welcome
 - Members present at meeting: Ken Hadlock, Kenneth Hellewell, Vicki Hassard, Stephanie Teague, Shelly Thorne, John Shaw, Heidi Jensen, Katie Barton, Michelle Swenson, Tracie Garritson, and Doug Peterson
 - Visitors present: Marsha Dennis
- Goods News - Wrestling Team Success
 - Syracuse Jr. High took 1st place at Davis District North End.
- School Improvement Plan Review
 - All members reviewed the School Improvement Plan. The 4 goals were talked about and reviewed thoroughly. (This plan is available to the public and can be found on the website.)
 - Ken Hadlock and Heidi Jensen were present at the district meeting to present the plan.
- Approve the Final School Improvement Plan – Signature Page
 - Current members will be receiving a signature page email that will require a response stating that they have participated in the process of developing the school improvement plan.
- Trustlands Funding Reports
 - Academic Mentor

Shelly Thorne, SJH's academic mentor, shared with the council the success the school has had with having an academic mentor. She shared data on student success as well. Duties she performs: attends local case management, she's a level 2 & 3 intervention, currently has 24 students (but this fluctuates throughout the year), helps students with organization, homework help, accountability and getting things done. Shelly also has a close relationship with students' teachers to help with their success. She's a "mom" to many children.
 - Projector Refresh

Syracuse Jr High received 1/3 of the new projectors during this current school year. Another third will be put into classrooms during 2018-2019 school year, and the project will be completed and all classrooms will have their projectors replaced by the 2019-2020 school year. Teachers that have had theirs replaced are very happy with the improvement. They are benefiting the classrooms.
 - Art - Printer and Professional Development
 - The \$300.00 given last year was for training on how to teach a student to throw clay on a wheel was not used because the art teachers do not have enough wheels to add this teaching into their curriculum. The money is still in the account and can now be used for other things.

- The press was purchased and is planned on being used in next year's (2018-2019) Art Foundations II Honors class.
- Council Elections – 2018-2019
 - John Shaw is heading how the Council can effectively advertise to the community on getting new members for the 2018-2019 Community Council open slots. Tracie Garritson said she will help Mr. Shaw.
 - The Council reviewed and confirmed that each elementary school (Buffalo Point, Syracuse & Cook) that feeds into SJH should be represented.
 - Kenneth Hellewell and Michelle Swenson, the school's Mock Trial and Civic class teacher, will see how they can organize a Meet the Candidates Night to give the community an opportunity to see and hear from the local school board candidates. There was talk about having the Civic's class be a part of this planning. June 26, 2018 is the day of the election.
- Topics for Consideration Next Meeting
 - Election Talk / Meet the Candidates for the School Board – Kenneth Hellewell & Michelle Swenson
 - Community Council Recruitment for the Following Year – John Shaw
 - Teachers assigning online assignments that are difficult for students to obtain from home computers.
- Adjourn – The next Syracuse Community Council will be held on Wednesday, May 9, 2017, 4:00 PM.