

Syracuse Junior High School
Community Council Agenda
Conference Room
January 9, 2019
4:00 PM

Welcome

Attended: Ken Hadlock, Heidi Jensen, John Shaw, Jennifer Affleck, Erin Blankenship, Vicki Hassard, Michele Swensen, Marsha Dennis, Katie Barton, Rachel Davies, Kenneth Hellewell, Jenny Schow

Excused: Shelly Thorne

Minutes

Minutes were approved from last meeting

SNAP (Student Neighborhood Access Program) Plan

Dr. Hadlock showed the Council how to access the SNAP plan from the Syracuse Jr High page under the School Information tab and the Parents & Students sections.

SNAP program was approved.

Committee Reports

Language: The announcement of the reminders of videos will begin tomorrow (Jan. 10) from the Positivity Club. Mrs. Hassard suggested that the Positivity Club wins the first admission. (There's was the only submission.) Mrs. Swenson plans to show the video at the school's next assembly, Jan. 31st. The second round of the submissions will be due by Feb. 15th.

Elections: Mrs. Davies created a flyer to be handed out at the 6th grade orientation to promote more parents in the community to join the Council for the 2019-2020 school year. The Council advised Mrs. Davies on what could be added to the flyer. The orientation will be on February 6th from 6:00 to 8:00 pm.

Discussion on Student Anxiety

Mr. Hellewell brought up the concern with the ever-growing amount of anxiety we are seeing in our community of students. Many ideas were expressed about different anxiety triggers for students. Mr. Hellewell asked the Council to keep their thoughts open on how the Council can help with this issue. He also talked about the idea of doing cross curricular PLC groups with teachers to talk about how to manage the homework load.

Discussion on recent Facebook post on Bullying - John Shaw

Mr. Shaw asked Dr. Hadlock to explain what type of response would come from the administration to a parent if a parent confronted them about their child being bullied.

Dr. Hadlock's response paraphrased: He talks with the student, and he documents everything that has been said or done, and then calls both parents, the victim and bully's, and informs them of the situation. From then, he advises students to come to him from that point and tell him if anything else is done and/or said, and he also warns them not to warn each other about not going to him. He tells them to not talk to or about the other person, and report to him about anything related to the situation. After the first initial meetings, this student is now put on a list, and Dr. Hadlock checks with him/her routinely with any follow up behavior and the current situation. After two or three weeks of clear behavior and no incidents, he will then contact the parents and tell them that from his understanding the problem has been solved.

Dr. Hadlock also expressed that he is required to not speak about other students to other parents and wanted to share that he is constantly, aggressively working on protecting students at our school.

Topics of Consideration for Next Meeting

Trustland Items

Preparation for Trustlands Meeting

Report on Grades for Term 1 and 2

March 13th from 8:00 to 12:00 is when the Trustlands Committee will meet.

Adjourn – The next Syracuse Community Council will be held on Wednesday, February 13, 2019, 4:00 PM.