

North Davis Junior High
Community Council Meeting Minutes
February 12, 2019 at 7:15 a.m.

In Attendance: Elizabeth Hansen, Dawnene Young, Norah Baron, Maude Beckman, Tyler Poll, Tim Allen, Aaron Holbrook, Chelsea Nielsen, Michelle Wunderlich, Carolyn Krey, Carrie Johnson

Absent: Wendy Garcia, Karen B.

Visitors: Trent Brown, Charles Bersamin, Ann Riding, Jeff Christensen, Maria King, Kellen Davis

Welcome: Norah Baron

Minutes from December approved.

Introductions:

Safety Plan: Bus Loop outside, Consulted with district risk management who observed and found there is not enough signage. Looking to improve the signage. Will put in 2 lanes for a drop off and pass through lane and will repaint the cross walk just in front of the school entrance.

Looking to assess grounds, as well, survey sent to faculty and community council members. Please respond.

Thursday will be having a lock down drill.

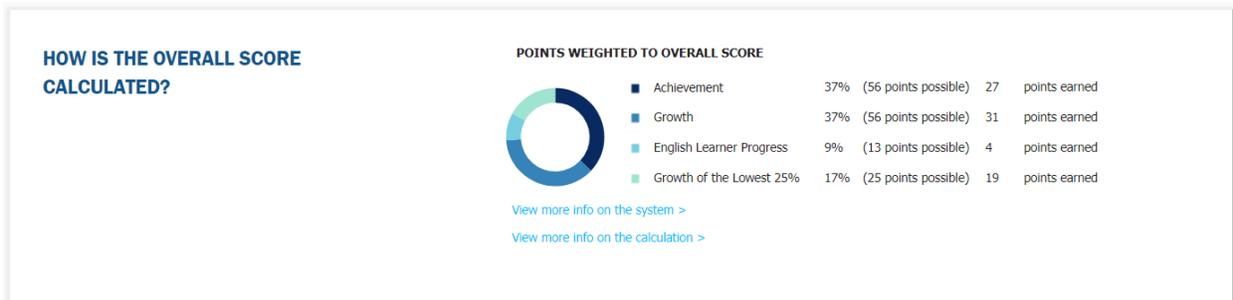
March will be a fire drill more than likely and then April will participate in the statewide shake down.

School Improvement Plan and Financial Update: Still on track financially. Will not have a huge excess of funds this year, but will carry over to the following year. Have been able to add some study skills classes—increasing teacher productivity. Have increased from 1 to 4 teachers with additional partial position hired to help decrease the number of students going to high school credit deficient.

2019-2020 School Improvement Plan: Change in standardized testing from sage to ACT Aspire and Rise tests. Expect to see some drop in test scores due to this change. Data Gateway from State School Board website. School Report Card found here.

Points assigned to each school instead of a grade. 156 pts available. NDJH is 55% growth in standardized test scores overall. Attribute some of this remarkable growth is due to professional development for teachers, double blocking schedule = more time with teachers, commitment to all students can learn.

English Learner Progress—27% with adequate progress, but 0% reaching proficiency. State average is 4%. We would like to make this a priority for next year. Takes approx. 8 years to see this happen. Hoping with this focus statewide, we will see children come with a little more preparation and we can also send them on to high school more prepared. NDJH has the highest percentage of English Language Learners. Discussed strategies to help the students feel more comfortable with the testing, etc.



If compare with others in district, we are top with growth and with growth of lowest 25%. We have had lots of visitors and phone calls to see what we are doing.

For Next year: Current year focuses: reducing # students going to high school credit deficient, Attendance,

Next year: Focus on

ELL—can they use the language labs at high school also discussed using Imagine Learning, System 44, study skills classes, try to have parents more involved—help facilitate MyDSD, resources, fee waivers, etc.;

Credit Recovery—just starting to reap benefits;

GearUp and Avid—critical thinking and collaborative learning would be great to implement schoolwide—teaches kids to be responsible for their own learning, planner use, etc.;

Attendance? Focusing on building relationships with students so they feel supported. Americorp \$15K used to track attendance. Would like to hire 2 teacher assistants to

run the credit recovery. Could have teachers then do some other things that will help, helps lower class size, etc. Maybe we put in some incentives, but not allocate funds for person to track attendance.

Professional Development options—training for resources, mindfulness, Due to Title I status, mandated professional development—requires lots of subs. Will look into if can do in the Summer or not.

Title I Visit Report: Delayed. And will be on 2/27/19 at 0715 all council members encouraged to attend.

2019-2020 Goals Discussion: See above. And will discuss in future meeting.

Counseling Department: Doing well. Having new Norseman preview soon. Mr. Mead has left. Have hired new counselor.

Motion to adjourn and discuss rest next time.

After School Program:

PTA:

Library

Gear UP: paying for some additional teachers to have some training this summer. Excellent training.

Other Items:

Agenda Items for Next Meeting:

Adjourn