

**Syracuse Junior High School  
Community Council Meeting Minutes  
May 8, 2019  
Conference Room  
4:00**

**Attendees:** John Shaw, Heidi Jensen, Ken Hadlock, Kenneth Hellewell, Katie Barton, Marsha Dennis, Erin Blankenship, Rachel Davies, Vicki Hassard

Minutes from April's meeting were approved by the Council.

Dr. Hadlock briefed the Council on how our school was chosen for the audit. Our school got a clean bill of health. The audit was conducted by the state office.

**Trustland Reports:**

- **After School Math Tutoring:** Mrs. Jensen briefed the Council on the positive feedback from students on the math tutoring and the program's success. On a survey that was given to 1,331 students, the program was rated a 4.56 out of 5.
- **School Musical – Music Director:** Dr. Hadlock showed a clip from the school's musical, Mary Poppins. The students did a wonderful choreographed musical number.
- **Art Department – iPad:** Mrs. Dennis told the Council how her class and her teaching has benefited from the use of the iPad by how she is able to demonstrate her lessons.

**Election Committee Report:** Mrs. Davies briefed the Council on the recruitment at the 7<sup>th</sup> grade round-up in February. Many parents seemed interested but also had many questions. Mrs. Davies suggested that the Council creates a website that answers many general questions about Community Council, so parents can be directed to it. Rachel Davies, Vicki Hassard, and Erin Blakenship plan to meet in the summer to think more about the website and how they can recruit new members.

**Student Mentors:** Mrs. Davies revisited the idea of gathering parents to come to the school and act as mentors for students who have teachers who are needing the help. Many obstacles were discussed, and Dr. Hadlock sent out an email to all teachers asking for feedback on how they would or would not use parents in their classroom as mentors. The feedback from that email will determine what direction the Council will go.

**Homework Guidelines:** Dr. Hadlock plans to get the homework survey out this year to teachers. He reviewed with the Council on what the district guidelines are. Dr. Hadlock will emphasize to the staff that no homework will be given during holiday breaks.

**Topics for Consideration Next Meeting:** Homework Survey review, Student Mentors, and Introduce new members.