

**Syracuse Junior High School**  
Community Council Agenda  
Conference Room  
January 8, 2020  
4:00 PM

- **Welcome-**

Attendance: Zack Poulter, Peggie Clelland, Wendy Remley, Todd Bridges, Kenneth Hellewell, Ken Hadlock, Shelly Thorn, Erin Blankenship, and Marsha Dennis

- **Minutes-**

Minutes were approved from November's meeting.

- **Trustlands Reports-**

Zack Poulter came to the meeting to explain how the Trustlands money is being used by the music department. New instruments that were needed have been purchased, music, accompanist, and repairs to instruments have also been purchased.

Students are getting the opportunity to play instruments that they would not have been able to play before. Better opportunities and experience for the students are happening due to the extra money.

Music Department is very grateful.

- **Safe Route Utah committee report –**

Safe Route has been updated and will be posted to website soon.

Discussion about on street parking that obstructs the view of drivers pulling out of the parking lot has become a concern due to the high possibility of an accident. Many faculty and parents have expressed concerns and have noted that they have been in situations that are dangerous. Shelly Thorn has spoken to the city council members and will be following up with this concern. The goal is to have no street parking and encourage the use of the parking lot at the south side of the building.

- **Standards based grading discussion-**

English department has already implemented this practice. Other departments are looking into possibly starting for 3<sup>rd</sup> term. District will be moving forward with standards bases grading next year.

- **Bond Issues-**

Council discussed the issue of the school being overcrowded. A new Junior High is supposedly on the next bond. To better make sure that the new Junior High will be on the next bond, the public needs to voice their concerns and needs to the board at the district level.

- **PTSA Illusions vs Reality – Rachel**  
Rachel was not in attendance so this discussion will be discussed next month. The Illusions vs Reality carnival will be held on February 7<sup>th</sup>.
- **Homework Survey – Homework Guidelines**  
Dr. Hadlock has sent an email to teachers with district guidelines about homework. Parents are concerned about the amount of homework and the inconsistencies from teacher to teacher. Parents are concerned that kids are not getting to be kids because of the excess demands from school and other things.
- **Farewell to Dr. Hadlock-**  
Dr. Hadlock is retiring. His last day will be January 15, 2020. The council thanked him for his service on the Community Council and for the amazing job he has done as principal while here at Syracuse Jr. High.
- **Topics for Consideration Next Meeting-**  
No parking signs for the street- enforcement from police department- safe Utah  
PTSA- Illusions vs Reality  
Budget review/Trustlands
- **Adjourn** – The next Syracuse Community Council will be held on Wednesday, February 12, 2020, 4:00 PM.  
  
Reminder that the meeting on March 12<sup>th</sup> is a morning meeting. Proposals will be given by faculty concerning Trustlands money.