

Syracuse Junior High School
Community Council Meeting
Library, 4:00 p.m.
29 September 2020

Welcome and Introductions

Attendance: Wendy Remley, Betsy Werrett, Vicki Hassard, Kenneth Hellewell, Andrea Smith, Kelly Zalit, Todd Bridges, Dawnelle Call, Shelly Thorne, Travis Warnick

Each member of the board introduced themselves.

Minutes

There were no minutes from previous meetings to approve since this was the first meeting of the year.

Review Rules of Order, Procedures, and Bylaws

Each member was given a copy of the Council bylaws.

It was noted that the bylaws indicate there should be 8 parent/guardians on the Council and 6 employees. Currently there are only 7 parent/guardians and 5 employees. Discussion about amending the bylaws or adding two additional members to the Council. In view of the fact that many parents were interested in serving on the Council this year and Council members sometimes need to be excused from a meeting, decided to add two additional members to the Council. Travis Warnick will contact the parent and employee with the most votes from the elections and invite them to join the Council.

Election of Officers

Reviewed roles of Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary.

Kenneth Hellewell was unanimously elected as Council Chair.

Kelly Zalit was unanimously elected as Council Vice Chair.

Andrea Smith was unanimously elected as Secretary.

District and State Training

This is not available yet. Will do at a later time.

SIP and Trustland Review

Each member was given a copy of the Composite School Plan with the 2020 goals and the LAND Trust expenditure allocations.

The LAND Trust money comes from the State of Utah. Money is generated from land the state owns. Interest from the LAND Trust funds is given to the schools each year to use for educational purposes. The Community Council decides how the money should be used.

The total projected funding for 2021 is \$164,000.

The goal is to use the money to increase the number of opportunities students have to show that they have learned.

The October Community Council meeting will review the goals and expenditures for 2020 and decide if we need to reallocate any money because of Covid-19 and the “new normal” we are experiencing.

Covid Update

The school has had 1 positive case, diagnosed on Sept. 1. Six students were quarantined since they were in close contact. No one else got sick. Several other teachers and students have self-quarantined due to exposure outside of school.

The students are doing well at wearing masks. There is some concern about the difficulty of social distancing come Nov. 2 when we transition to a 4-day week with all students at the school each day. The school has 2 Covid aids and they are doing a fantastic job.

65% of students are completing their online work. This is up from 49% a few weeks ago. The school is working to streamline the online process and make it easier for students and parents.

86 students elected to go online with Davis Connect at the beginning of the school year. 10-12 students want to switch to Davis Connect next term when the school goes off of the hybrid schedule. 20 students want to switch back from Davis Connect to SJHS at the beginning of the next term.

The current reduced class sizes have been a huge benefit to student learning so far this year.

Future Community Council Dates

Second Wednesday of every month at 4:00 p.m. in the school library.

Exceptions: October—Fall Break

December—No Meeting

March—longer morning meeting to write the school plan

Upcoming meetings: October 21
 November 11
 January 13
 February 10
 March 10 (8:00-12 noon)
 April 14
 May 12

Council Photo for Website

Will do this next time.

Public Comment

No public comment.

Topics for Next Meeting

Review land trust/expenditures.

Council photo.

Covid update.

Adjourn

The next Community Council meeting will be held Wednesday, October 21, 2020, 4:00 p.m. in the school library.