

Hillside Middle School Community Council Meeting Minutes
November 19, 2019

In attendance: Rachel Jones, Corbin Jones, Kristi Swett, Cari Fifield, Christina Leavitt, Cindy Remke, Jane Bernston, Sonal Kerr, Landon Clark, Travis Olsen, Monty Eyink, Liz Buirley, Rebecca R, Bruce Simpson, Michelle Hunter

SCC Business:

- Approval of October minutes. Sonal motioned to approve. Christina second
- No overnight trips at Hillside

SIC/Counselor/School Representative Report:

- Cari Fifield – December 5th is Career Day for 7th graders – need more parent volunteers
- December 5th is 8th graders fieldtrip to Highland High
- 50% of college conferences complete so far
- Change in counseling curriculum. More standards for help with social emotional health and correcting cognitive distortions.
- Added SafeUt app to anti harassment lesson. Using Lifelines curriculum for suicidal prevention lesson

Community Interests:

- Landon Clark: Sugarhouse Community Council Chair – shared plans for 21 south/21 east – will include about 98 units total. Underground parking
- Boys and Girls club will be redone in June with Futsal courts. Will take about a year and half.
- 2700 South and 1300 East will be finished by Thanksgiving

Principal Report:

- Budget – Carry over in school improvement funds of \$79K. Have used most of that for software for math, reading, and supplies for middle school success program. New marquee is finished to help communicate with parents and students. It will be shut off at 6pm.
- School Emergency Plan – will be up on the school website shortly. Not a lot of change from last year. If event in Hillside, gathering point will be Beacon Heights elementary school. If need to shelter away from the nearby schools, we will be in the Fresh Market parking lot. DIR-S app is being used by faculty, will be doing a drill this week. Discussed procedure for lockdown drills.
- Testing Data from Rise – dropped a few percentage points overall. Language arts stayed the same 56%. Overall growth dropped to 51%. Math – 52% in 2018, dropped to 51%. Overall growth increased to 54%. Science – 56% to 55%. Overall growth dropped to 50%. Liz brought up the issues with the testing, especially platform for science testing. Becky said district still feels the scores are solid for this one snap shot. Next year will go back to Sage

- bank of questions. Becky suggested using the benchmarks throughout the year.
- Jane will make sure that individual RISE scores are sent out to parents.
 - Jane will bring disaggregated scores to our next meeting.
 - Jane will ask Michelle or someone similar to come to next meeting to give more information on the testing
 - Fee Schedule – 36% of students are on free-reduced lunch but doesn't mean they all have fee waivers. Discussed what fees are able to be waived and which fees we can no longer charge (ie gym lockers)
 - Lagoon Art in the Park is still on for this year. Jane is working with accounting to figure out how to do this activity in the future.
 - SBO have asked for spring fundraiser to be for sports and music at Hillside instead of lymphoma society.
 - Social emotional learning –
 - Students took survey a month ago. Student perception of Self - Grow mindset had 11.4% unhealthy. Self efficacy had 16.9% unhealthy. Self management 5.1% unhealthy. Social awareness 28.8% in slightly unhealthy.
 - Student perception of school – Equitable practices 13.9% unhealthy. Peer harassment 5.2% unhealthy. Positive school climate 10.1% unhealthy.
 - Total about 50% healthy
 - Kristi thought that more instruction needs to be given to students prior to taking the survey.

Middle School Success Update:

- Christina Leavitt – over 50% of the students made the honor roll,
- Growing number of students with chronic attendance issues.
 - Ideas for increasing attendance – notes sent to students with hand written note from a teacher who has connected with them, will share more ideas next meeting.
- Will put the Comcast information for free/reduced Internet cost at home in the next newsletter.
- Goal is to make a connection with every single student in the school by Christmas.
 - Intensively working with 84 students right now.
 - Helping in classes when requested with individual students or with the larger class so teachers can work with small groups.
- Jane clarified that the Husky Den is a place for academic support. Counselors address social- emotional needs. Disciplinary issues are addressed by administration.

PTA Report:

- Katy Smith – not in attendance to report
- Clothing donations drive for Hillside closet – gently used or like new clothing. Brand new socks and underwear. Coats. Especially boys clothing.
- Food drive donations– pop top, non perishable food.

District/School Board Report:

- Kristi Swett – discussed fees and ruling from legislature regarding fundraisers and fees
- Fee schedule is due in January. Any school sponsored fees needs to be on the fee schedule.
- Keep reading and watching about the tax reform going on.
- No data to report on the later start survey
 - Discussed the change in instructional time with the change in start times.
 - Come to the board meeting and speak about your concerns about these issues.

Motion to add music competition to the fee schedule by Bruce and submit the fee schedule as is. Christina seconded.

Motion to adjourn.