

NDJH Community Council (Nov. 10, 2020)

Welcome	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attending via Zoom: Maude Beckman, Tyler Poll, Liz Hansen, Anna Fondario, Chelsea Nielsen, Bryan Heward, Nicole Young, Greg Mudrow (Stacy Jackson, Hadyn Call, Trent Brown)
Approval of last Meeting's Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • October minutes were approved with a 7-0 vote.
Financial Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Poll reported that school spending is on track with our budget.
Academic Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Poll presented current GPA data (there was a .2 decrease in GPA for first term compared to last year.) • Non-attendance and at home participation were discussed as possible explanations for drop. • Interventions are taking place through Mentoring Classes to remediate failing grades. In the first week, the total number of failing grades has gone down about one-third, from 1200 to 750. • Teachers will continue to work with students to remediate grades (beyond the two week I to F window if necessary) • About 370 students responded to the SEL Survey with favorable results for all six questions. • The last question on the survey was borrowed from the SHARPS Survey asking if students had an adult they could trust at school. • Around 75% of students responded positively. • Each student is assigned a mentor teacher, counselor and an individual member of administration to build positive adult connections. • Counseling department hasn't been into classrooms this year which may skew data slightly. • It was suggested that using a variety of different questions (scenarios) to gauge student feelings could be beneficial on future surveys. • The SEL Survey will be sent out on a monthly basis to gather data on student well-being. • There were 42 faculty and staff members that participated in the SEL Survey. • The results of the survey were provided to the school SEL Committee, which created a plan that was forwarded to the district. • The district will compile data and make suggestions for each school (future Professional Development, etc.)
Counseling Department	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CCR's are beginning this week where 8th grade students will create schedules for next year. • The return to a four-day schedule has led to an increase in responsive services.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christmas assistance is taking place for NDJH students as well as those enrolled in Davis Connects. The team is looking for help distributing gifts this year to include others in gift giving experience. • There will be a link provided for school stakeholders to contribute.
After-School Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The After-School Program is temporarily shut down (for two weeks) due to the Governor’s directive. • The program is growing as we enter the new term. • There was discussion about using Zoom Conferencing to continue the tutoring program and the idea will be presented to the program employees.
PTA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The PTA will be providing a luncheon for teachers in early December. • There is a need for additional volunteers.
Library	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No items this month.
Other Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Poll asked which format should be used during Parent-Teacher Conferences next month. • Some parents felt that teachers were overwhelmed and tried not to add to an already busy schedule. • It was suggested that conferencing with teachers was always useful, even when students are successful academically. Sometimes gathering information about social progress can be beneficial. • Teachers said they would like to visit with more parents and wanted increased attendance. • Dr. Poll said that this term’s conferences would probably take place via Zoom, with parents scheduling appointments online again. • South Clearfield Elementary had a very high parent turnout first term, even though all conferencing took place online.
Agenda Items for Next Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was suggested that data from the second SEL Survey be reviewed at the next meeting. • The council will also review final grade data from first term.
Adjourn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:05.