

NDJH Community Council (Feb. 9, 2021)

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| <p align="center">Welcome</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attending via Zoom: Maude Beckman, Tyler Poll, Liz Hansen, Rachel Black, Anna Fondario, Chelsea Nielsen, Bryan Heward, Nicole Young, Aaron Holbrook, Greg Mudrow (Stacy Jackson, Hadyn Call, Trent Brown) |
| <p align="center">Approval of last Meeting's Minutes</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • December's minutes were approved with a 10-0 vote. |
| <p align="center">Financial Update</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Poll reported that school spending is still on track with our budget. |
| <p align="center">Academic Update</p> | <p align="center">2nd Term Academic Data</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Poll presented second term GPA data (the 2.58 school average is lower than normal). • The total number of F's issued during second term is currently at 554. • Dr. Poll emphasized that both numbers will improve as students and teachers work to improve second term grades over the next few weeks. • It was noted that the majority of F's issued were in the 7th grade and attributed to a switch to the Summit learning platform. (Term benchmarks are not a part of the Summit program, which measures learning on a yearly basis. So many of these failing grades will change as the 7th graders reach their Summit learning targets later in the year.) • The number of F's issued in 7th grade increased from 176 (in 2020) to 316 this year, a reflection of the change to the Summit platform. • The push to raise grades prior to the winter holiday was very successful as mentoring classes worked to reach goals. <p align="center">SEL Survey Data</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • About 392 students responded to this month's SEL Survey which was modified slightly from 2nd term. • The first five questions continued to show student recognition and positive coping strategy selection by students at NDJH. • The final question on the survey was expanded to gauge student perception of adult/friend mentors, both within the school and from other places. • Students still recognized a trusted mentor ... especially regarding bullying at school and schoolwork. (the new question indicated a slight preference for mentors outside of the school framework). • The percentage dropped when asked about concerns at home and mental health issues. • Favorable responses dropped to about 50% when asked about enjoying school. |

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| <p>SIP Goals for 2021-22</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Improvement Plan goals were reviewed and discussed. • The Council agreed to keep the focus areas of ... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Student growth as measured by end of level testing. - 95% of 9th graders credit proficient when entering high school. - ELL student improvement as measured by WIDA test. • 9th grade credit deficiency was discussed, and 72 students have been identified as “credit deficient” at some point this year. Each student has been assigned a mentor from the admin/counseling team. • NDJH works closely with the high schools to ensure that students have the resources to graduate. • ELL performance on the WIDA test can be unreliable as students know that a good score could result in their removal from the program. (Dr. Poll is trying to find a way to allow high scoring students continued access to the ELL resources.) • Next year’s budget is estimated to be \$108,000. |
| <p>Counseling Department</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Counselors have been visiting elementary schools to meet and enroll next year’s 7th graders. • The department is working to get into classrooms to address SEL needs. • SEL Survey data will be evaluated to customize classroom presentations over the remainder of the year. |
| <p>After-School Program</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • After-School attendance has increased since the new year began in January. • The program still has “rights” to the play and will provide the opportunity for students to participate this year. |
| <p>PTA</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are various positions that remain unfilled on next year’s PTA. |
| <p>Other Items</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There were no other items discussed in February. |
| <p>Agenda Items for Next Meeting</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SIP goals will be reviewed and ready for approval. • Details of the Summit learning platform will be presented and discussed. |
| <p>Adjourn</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:10. |