



Sunset Junior High School

Community Council Minutes for October 22, 2020

Community Council Members

In Attendance: Amy Poff, Danette Christensen, Joanna Mulert, Kim Bell, Brock Jackman, HiDee Dabb, Dave Hardman, Jessica Ririe, Kendall Summers, Claire Cassity, Chelsey King

Agenda Items

- **Covid Updates / Overview**

Principal Jackman recently met with a team that included principals from our district “cone,” as well as an epidemiologist from Primary Children’s Hospital. The epidemiologist said that the current Covid data supports returning to 4-day-school without concern.

The committee also discussed how the current hybrid (in-person and at-home) model has been working for students and families. Principal Jackman asked for feedback from parents on the committee. The clear feeling that came from this discussion, as observed by myself (Danette Christensen), was that 1) Sunset’s staff and administration are dedicated, concerned, and anxious to help all students during this pandemic, and 2) the parents in attendance feel positive about their students’ experience, and grateful for the ongoing efforts of the staff. Many people are truly giving their best to make things work during this trying time.

- **Update on construction of new building**

Due to the pandemic, the scheduled bond proposal and election has been delayed, and funding is not available at this time. As could be expected, planning has been halted. We are slated to be on next November’s bond, with digging to begin in January 2022. This is all subject to change, based on what happens with the pandemic in the coming year.

- **Digital Citizenship**

Principal Jackman noted, for parents’ sake, that web filtering on school-loaned devices functions away from school, as well.

- **School Improvement Plan 2020 - Review**

Normally in this first meeting of the school year, our committee would review the outcomes of goals from last year. However, we have no data on this, since in-person school was abruptly halted in March (the pandemic), and end-of-level testing did not take place. Principal Jackman noted that, in all good faith, his feeling is that there has been definite progress in the areas specified by the goals. Specifically, both the 4x4 schedule and the new RAP period are enabling greater student success.



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- **School Improvement Plan 2021**

In brief summary of goals for the coming school year, the school aims to:

- 1) increase student growth in English, Math, and Science (increase effectiveness of RAP and SEL programs, and increase access to classroom technology)
- 2) reduce the number of students failing one or more classes

Next Meeting: January 28, 2020 @ 4:00 pm