

Hillside Middle School Community Council Meeting Minutes

October 13, 2020

In attendance: Landon Clark, Cari Fifield, Christina Leavitt, Joel Briscoe, Carrie Caldwell, Christina Leavitt, Holly Moss Rossen, Travis Olsen, Monty Eyink, Liz Buirley, Rebecca R, Bruce Simpson, Heidi Kulicke, Ginny Goldberg, Rebecca Pittam, Amanda Shirley, Kelly Lear, Jeanne Riley, Jenny Kearl, Jen Kious, Kevin Clinger, Tony Coda, Lizzy Conde, Jenn Hawkin, Carla Were, Wesla Smith, Bruce Simpson, Jeremy Chatterton, Kristi Swett

SCC Business:

SIC/Counselor/School Representative Report:

- Busy on outreach to students having trouble accessing Canvas and understand system
- 10-12 Home Visits
- 50% of these students/families have been reached at time of this meeting, (post meeting 80%)
- Counselors are coordinating with U.S. history teachers for 8th grade College and Career Conferences & curriculum
- Introduced new social worker – Heidi Kulicke - she is also at 6 feeder elementary schools – works with students one on one weekly.

Community Interests:

Joel Briscoe, House Representative from District 25

- Talked about legislative session coming up and Constitutional Amendment G - shall Utah constitution be amended to expand the use Utah's general education fund of money received from income tax and intangible property taxes to include social services for children and individuals with disabilities.
- Rep. Briscoe is against Amendment G
- new governor wants changes in public education, income for schools could be squeezed base on this amendment
- Representative Briscoe is a proponent of "equalizing up not down." His concern is Salt Lake will be punished for the resources it has and some of this could go to other districts
- Feels it's okay to help but not take resources from Salt Lake.
- January legislature left with 6% increase in school year, now down to 1.5% This new amendment causes more variance on funding for schools based on the proposed shared entities, and other needs funds may go to.
- Proposal is **not** supported by Utah League of Women Voters and Voices for Utah Children and **is** supported by Utah Taxpayers Association and UEA, with the trust that legislators will fund education in other ways.

Carrie Caldwell, Math Teacher, ALS Coordinator & Positive Behavior Specialist at Hillside, presented on house bill 58

- Purpose of HB 58 – (SLCSD Board policy S-31) Each school must develop a positive behavior plan to address causes of student tobacco, alcohol, e-cigarette products and work to prevent their use
- Identify current programs in place – Red Ribbon Week, Extra time in 2nd period for checking in with small groups of students, Hope Squad, Student Government and Husky TV, Husky Den – Middle School Success program, Hillside Activities Course, After School Athletics, "At the Door" Greetings, Health Class Curriculum

Principal/Vice Principal Report: Monty Eyink

- Hillside is really getting down to very few students without internet and computer access, down to more unable to get the student to sit down and work type of issues
- Parent teacher conferences went very well, great attendance.
- Several students are raising grades, things are going pretty well at Hillside, “not just surviving, they’re thriving” due to all hands on deck - teachers, counselors, Husky Den
- Jen Kious concurred from parent perspective, things are going great and thanks to everyone.
- A concern was raised about long lists of due dates. Teachers are aware of this and are switching due dates so students are aware of dates sooner, then the dates don’t creep up on them.

Kristi Swett – School Board

- Update on SLCSB Board meeting
- Looking at possibility of younger grades returning to school at some point – third grade and under
- Mentioned the positive energy and enthusiasm of Dina Freedman’s speaking at board meeting
- No changes in the metrics for going back to school
- Discussion of surveys, parent choice, hybrid models, ability to truly offer all three models?

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 a.m.