

# Syracuse Junior High School

Community Council Meeting

Library, 4:00 p.m.

10 February 2021

## **Welcome and Introductions**

Attendance: Wendy Remley, Betsy Werrett, Vicki Hassard, Kenneth Hellewell, Andrea Smith, Kelly Zalit, Todd Bridges, Michele Arigot, Dawnelle Call, Melanie McManus, Travis Warnick.

Visiting: Doug Peterson

## **Minutes**

Minutes were approved by the Council.

## **Report on School Improvement Goals**

Because of Covid-19 our data is nonexistent or could be inaccurate.

Michele Arigot presented the SOAR report: There is no 2020 testing data.

To interpret the data we do have we must be creative and look at other information beyond standardized testing data. We are looking for ways to see and quantify growth.

Note: SJH is packed! We have 18 portables. There are 400 new homes started within our boundaries.

## **Formulating Next Year's Goals**

Discussed areas where we would like to see improvement next year:

- Students reading at grade level: when students cannot read at grade level it makes it impossible to do well in other subjects like science. Talked about tracking (which is already happening through the English classes), interpreting that data and identifying at-risk students, and applying interventions to help.
- Improving global GPA vs. reducing failure rates: emphasis on reducing failure rates focuses on at-risk students while global GPA includes all students.
- Improvement in attendance.
- Technology help before or after school (could be done in a mentoring period).

- Importance of 7-grade study skills (name on paper, turning assignments in on time, etc.). Could also be done in a mentoring period.

Identified 4 goals we want to focus on next year:

1. Improve global GPA in the 4 core areas by an increase of 0.2 over third term grades from 2021.
2. Track reading literacy and put interventions in place to increase the number of students reading at grade level.
3. Foster a school atmosphere of culture and learning.
4. SEL goal utilizing “Move This World.”

### **Covid Update**

We have held steady at 3-4 Covid cases. Doing well.

### **Mentoring Period**

Administration is working on a schedule to allow for a mentoring period for all students. Ideally this would allow for each grade to have lunch together. Students would stay with the same group of students and same teacher mentor throughout their years at SJH fostering friendships and consistency. This time could be used for technology help, “Move This World,” identifying students whose grades are slipping, tutoring, teaching study skills, etc.

### **Other Topics**

Girls basketball won their game yesterday and will advance to the semi-finals.

### **Future Community Council Dates**

Second Wednesday of every month at 4:00 p.m. in the school library.

Upcoming meetings:     March 10 (8:00-12 noon)—Present Trustland requests.  
                                  April 14—Finalize school improvement plan and goals.  
                                  May 12—Celebration of the work.

### **Public Comment**

No public comment.

### **Topics for Next Meeting**

Trustland requests from staff.

### **Adjourn**

The next Community Council meeting will be held Wednesday, March 10, 2021, 8:00 a.m. in the school library.