

Syracuse Junior High School
Community Council Meeting
Library, 8:00 a.m.
10 March 2021

Welcome and Introductions

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

Visiting: Jessica Constant, Kim Augustin, Erin Stumo

Minutes

Minutes were approved by the Council.

2021 School Improvement Goals

1. Global GPA
2. Literacy
3. Culture of Excellence
4. STEM
5. Whole Child-Social Emotional Learning

TSSP money must be budgeted to support these goals.

Funds Available for Next Year

TSSP—Trustlands (This is the money we are budgeting today.) Projected amount \$164,000

TSSA—Funds the principal can allocate (Community Council does not budget this). Must apply to instruction only.

CARES II—One-time COVID-19 relief fund from federal government. Must be spent to help students recover from the effects of the pandemic. Projected amount, about \$100 per student. (\$132,500)

Needs and Requests from Departments for Next Year

- 12.5 Productivity periods—(\$8,000 each) Paying teachers to teach during their prep period. These could also be funded by CARES II or TSSA.
- Tech refresh—District gives us \$19,000 to replace and upgrade 19 computers. This simply isn't enough to get a good computer. Requesting additional \$19,000.

- 3 Academic Mentors (\$33,000)—this year they have helped 165+ struggling students remediate F’s and provided a safe place for students who struggle. Could be funded by CARES II.
- Special Ed requesting \$2,250 to update literacy selections for students. Goes toward the literacy goal.
- Performing Arts requesting \$20,189 for equipment repair, adjudicators, transportation to festivals, music and choreography, etc.
- Math \$10,000 for after-school tutoring program. Could be funded by CARES II.
- Math \$9,000 for math mastery books for each student.
- Science \$4,585 for 7 Gizmo labs.
- STEM \$3,250 for VEX robotics.
- NAL \$2,400 for new buzzer system and NAL guide.
- English \$21,600 for graders and No Red Ink grading license

Project Lead the Way

Mr. Johnson is retiring at the end of this year. There is no way to replace a wood shop teacher. The best solution for a hands-on learning program is to turn the wood shop into a STEM lab.

Ms. Constant has done an excellent job of building the robotics program and she’s excited to take the lead in this.

Project Lead the Way is an introduction to engineering that would feed into the high school program. It would also introduce students to other trade careers like welding.

Would add two new STEM courses next year and two more in the years to follow. Cost to get the program running is \$72,000. We are seeking STEM grants but would need to fund the program fully because the grants aren’t guaranteed.

2021 Budget

We would like to fund the Productivity periods (with the exception of orchestra—in hopes the district will fund this since we share an orchestra teacher) with TSSA or CARES II funds.

We would also like to fund our 3 mentors and the after-school tutoring with CARES II funds.

The Council voted to approve the budget at follows:

Tech refresh	\$19,000
Special Ed Novels	\$2,250
Orchestra Productivity	\$8,000

Performing Arts Needs	\$20,189
Math Mastery Books	\$9,000
Science Gizmo Labs	\$4,585
VEX Robotics Needs	\$3,250
STEM Lead the Way	\$72,000
NAL Needs	\$2,400
<u>English Graders</u>	<u>\$21,600</u>
Total	\$162,274

Covid Update

We only have 1 case of COVID right now. Hoping to move that number to zero.

Future Community Council Dates

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

Upcoming meetings: April 14—Finalize school improvement plan and goals.
 May 12—Celebration of the work.

Public Comment

No public comment.

Topics for Next Meeting

Finalize school improvement plan.

Adjourn

The next Community Council meeting will be held Wednesday, April 14, 2021, 4:00 p.m. in the school library.