

**Syracuse Junior High School**  
Community Council Meeting  
Library, 4:00 p.m.  
12 May 2021

**Welcome**

Attendance: Betsy Werrett, Vicki Hassard, Kenneth Hellewell, Andrea Smith, Kelly Zalit, Dawnelle Call, Shelly Thorne, Travis Warnick.

**Minutes**

Minutes were approved by the Council.

**School Improvement Plan**

Discussed the need to change the wording on our “Culture of Excellence” goal to add “in support of other academic goals.”

Basically, the numbers and everything else in the plan remains the same.

We motioned and voted to accept the School Improvement Plan. Each member also signed a document approving the plan.

**Covid Update**

We have had no Covid cases for the past 10 days!

According to district policy, after June 5<sup>th</sup> mask signage will be removed from the school and wearing masks will then become voluntary.

**Elections for Next Year**

Wendy Remley, Betsy Werrett, Vicki Hassard, Rachel Davies, Todd Bridges, and Michele Arigot have fulfilled their term on the Community Council.

Next year we will have elections for 4 parent positions and 2 staff positions. These elections should take place next August.

**Other Topics**

- Staffing: we are almost fully staffed for next year.
- Standard-based Grading: There will be a parent canvas course and videos to help parents understand what this is. Students will have a 6-week window to prove mastery. If they want to improve their grade outside that window, they will need to do something (tutoring/lunch and learn/etc.) to “unlock” that window.

- Student Mentor period: next year there will be a district-wide early out or late start day (may or may not be a Friday). On that day there will be a one-hour mentoring period. 24 students to 1 teacher mentor. Students will have the same mentor (and same students in that class) all three years to develop a relationship. Mentor will monitor student progress and help them as needed. There will be a daily 20-minute mentoring check-in period to follow up with the students.
- Culture of Fun: next year there will be grade-level lunches on the early out/late start day so students can experience the fun of junior high. This year we are hosting a 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Celebration Day on June 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Device Check-in May 26-27.
- Next year we will have a uniform Canvas template for all the teachers to use to make things easier.

### **Future Community Council Dates**

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

### **Public Comment**

No public comment.

### **Topics for Next Meeting**

Meet the new council and elect officers.

### **Adjourn**

The next Community Council meeting will be held Wednesday, September 8, 2021, 4:00 p.m. in the school library.