

## Millcreek Junior High Community Council Agenda

September 22, 2020 – 3:45 PM

### 1. Welcome and Introductions – Brad Chapple

#### Attendance:

- a. Brad Chapple, Principal
- b. Alison Dodds, PTA President
- c. Liz Wiser, Teacher
- d. Emily Smith, Counselor
- e. Alissa Smith, Parent
- f. Heather Murri, Parent
- g. Jamie Christensen, Parent
- h. Julie Fleming, Parent
- i. Rebecca Cushing, Parent
- j. Tiffany Tueller, Guest Parent

The purpose of the Community Council is to involve parents in decision making at the school level. Elected parents represent the parents of the school and participate in developing plans for improving the school, make decisions on how to best expend School LAND Trust Program monies, and increase public awareness of school trust lands and related policies.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dk5h2G5YOaA>

- a. Every meeting go over budget
- b. Vote
- c. Account for spending in the previous month

### 2. Community Council Organization – Brad Chapple & Elissa Smith

#### a. Introduce newly elected members

- i. Alison Dodds, Julie Fleming, Rebecca Cushing,

#### b. Elect a Vice-chair and a Secretary (Secretary for minutes)

- i. Chair: Elissa Smith
- ii. Vice Chair: Rebecca Cushing, unanimously approved
- iii. Secretary: Emily Smith, unanimously approved

#### c. Verify contact information for each Council member

- i. Alissa passed around the list for adding the emails to the school webpage.

Elevated behavior issues. Kids are happy. We will take their happiness over wearing masks this year. We have had minimal issues with the Tik Tok challenge versus other schools in the district and country.

### 3. PTA representative minute – Alison Dodds

- a. Plans: Back to school bash was great. Sticking with the same events as the past.
- b. All positions filled
- c. Planning on the Valentine's dance

### 4. Counselor's Update – Emily Smith

- a. 7<sup>th</sup> grade CCRs run from September to October. Counselors meet with every 7<sup>th</sup> grader to check in with academic progress and social/emotional health.
- b. Hope Week held September 27-October 1
  - a. Suicide Prevention lunch activity: Learning the FACTS (feelings, actions, threads, situations) relating to suicide
  - b. We, as counselors, have seen an increase in anxiety and panic attacks as the new school year has started. We have also had suicidal student referrals, but know anxiety and depression is prevalent among students this year as we come off the pandemic isolation.
- c. Hope Squad is a peer program with students trained in suicide and bullying prevention. We meet during RAP for 30 minutes on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Moving to once a week after we have taught the lessons.
- d. SEL-implemented during the first 5 minutes of RAP to teach students how to breathe.
- e. We have two social workers available for students Tuesday (10-2), Wednesday (8-3), Thursday (10-2); Sam's position is funded for 2 years.

### 5. Community Council Training

a. Will likely be a Zoom training available soon from USBE. Council members email addresses will be added to Paula Plant's list, and she will contact each member.

### 6. School Improvement Plan Goals / Trust Land Budget – Brad Chapple

b. Review Budget for 2020-2021: passed out hard copy to each member; it is also posted online; focused on the whole student: academic, social, emotional, civic minded. We want them to grow up to be contributing members of society.

- Goal 1: Increase student achievement and engagement through attendance, grade distribution and cumulative school GPA. (Tied to Landtrust dollars)
  - STEM related funding, support classrooms and student learning
  - High definition television to replace projectors as needed
  - Textbooks to support leaning in classrooms, magazines and textbooks
  - Blended learning software, membeam, grandcam, dreambox, quill, vocabulary.com
  - Short throw projection system in teacher classrooms
  - General technology updates, Apple TV, wireless displays, swivel cameras and other technology needs as requested by teachers and STS.

- Goal 2: Reduce the percentage of students that fail core subjects to no more than 5 students. (Tied to Landtrust dollars)
  - Fulltime academic coach Lunch and Learn and student success center coordinator.
  - Homework club, salaries for math teachers to be accessible to students in open labs after school 2 pays per week. (6 hours)
  - Special education TA to support instruction in our resource classes to help support our special education student with accommodations and services.
  - Teacher planning days providing teacher with summer pay or substitute pay to collaborate and plan.
- Goal 3: Implement five core competencies Social Emotional Learning. Teach SEL as part of daily instruction. (Most of the SEL curriculum can be found on the district page under student services).
- Goal 4: Increase participation of diverse learning students in AP, Honors, and accelerated math classes.

c. Review budget change items for vote in October (From Academic tracker to math tutor). See document in the files on Teams for details and amounts.

#### 7. Future Council meeting items

a. Meet every fourth Wednesday of each month at 3:45 PM (exceptions – no meetings in December or May, second week of November)

- October 27

- November 10

- January 26

- February 23

- March 23

- April 27

b. Safe Technology and Digital Citizenship responsibility for Council (November meeting) - Add to October meeting

c. Review data from prior school year once it is available – Still putting it together. Can we add the previous years data for comparison? Brad and Liz will gather that data.

d. Other items? Hat policy could be presented soon. There is a group of boys proposing this change. Mr. Chapple told them the process. They are working on it.

10. Adjourn meeting --- Next Meeting – Wednesday, October 27, 2021 at 3:45 PM: motion to adjourn was voted on and approved.

Action items for next month: Reallocate money from Homework club to support blended software learning.

