

School Community Council Minutes-September 13, 2022

- This is the first meeting of the 2022-2023 year. Chair is Natalie Smith.
- Vote in of the new council will happen in this meeting. Chat list used to collect member data. Key elements such as going through safety reports, School Trustland Funds and the School Improvement Plans are examples of some of the required roles of SCC.
- **Counselor Report:** Cari' Fifield introduced the 4 Domains that are in the school counseling role which are; Responsive Services & Drop Out Prevention, Play for College and Career Ready Process, School Guidance Curriculum, and System Support. A brief explanation of each area was provided. School counselors try to keep 85% of their time in direct service to students (i.e. counseling, delivering lessons, crisis support, etc.)

The school counselors are currently working on a variety of projects. School counselors have been assisting in the SEL lessons as PBIS committee gets up and running this year. (Hillside had a change of the committee chair and members from the prior year.) Anti-harassment lessons are out and being completed in 7th grade math classes and in the 8th grade College & Career Awareness classes. 7th grade group conferences and 8th grade individual conferences are being prepared with classroom presentations. We are also working on coordinating with other programs for student supports as well as working with students individually.

- **Principal Report:** Report from JaNeal Rodriguez. She has enjoyed joining Hillside. She has learned a ton about middle school. The biggest focus in coming back from the pandemic has been ensuring that rules are clear and taught. We reviewed our behavior flow chart and have been doing a reset of the building. It has helped the building have a sense of a calm and positive environment. We have also had meetings with the school counselors, the U of U Wellness, and Promising Youth and our district social worker to help provide supports for students who may need additional assistance. We have the Husky Den supporting students academically and assisting students to be comfortable with the school systems. We have been working with students to learn about reporting, not tattling to keep the school safe.
- She has met with Katherine McEntee our new chair for the PBIS committee. Katherine has a large report to complete regarding tobacco and drug prevention that is submitted to the state. She also will work with the committee for positive supports for students as prevention. The PBIS committee will also be involved in providing direction for the SEL board directed learning in our school.
- Justin agreed with JaNeal that our biggest focus has been helping students feel willing to talk to adults. Students have been taught about multiple resources. We are also working on keeping our school feeling safe. We have adults out and about in the building to create relationships of trust. Students are talking to adults more when they have concerns. Helping students feel that they are being heard and that adults are responsive will help build this safe community.
- Questions: What ideas exist to help the students gain ownership of education? Student Body Officers are assisting in getting feedback. Husky TV is student driven and is part of the SEL plan

to help give ideas and support to the school. They are willing to help show and demonstrate what we wish to have in our school community. We also have regular times when data is collected from student surveys to assist in understanding students' concerns and needs.

- We also feel that the policy of not allowing school phones during the school day has made a huge difference for the restart of this school year. Students are interacting more and talking to each other more. There is more respectful behavior. Students are happier and more engaged in classrooms. They are asking more questions and participating more. Ear pods are also not out and adding to the disruption.
- SCC Vote of Membership: Kelly Lear—Moved. Jared Lisonbee Seconded. Vote taken. Vote unanimous.

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Liz Buirley, liz.buirley@slcschools.org (librian) Excused for this meeting.

Comments from the chat:

From David Lindes to Everyone 07:16 AM (Parent)

The text reminder this morning made it easy for me to attend. Thanks for that.

From amy craig to Everyone 07:23 AM (Parent)

I love that you reinforce this rule too!!

From Jared Lisonbee to Everyone 07:24 AM

cell phone free for being present.

- Next Meeting October 11th at 7:00. I will send out a link right before again. Thank you!