

Millcreek Junior High Community Council Agenda

October 26, 2022 – 3:45 PM

1. Welcome– Rebecca Cushing

- Minutes unanimously approved.
- Received email for Community Council Training. Governer Cox is having a town meeting. The information is in the email.

2. PTA representative minute – Alison Dodds

- Reflections up and running. Today the PTA and administration delivered caramel apples to all the teachers.

3. Counselor’s Update – Emily Smith

- 9th Grade CCRs ending
- 8th Grade CCRs starting
- Harry Potter Week: November 7-11

4. Superintendent’s Open House Review – Rebecca Cushing

Dan Linford is focused on kids and schools. Mr. Linford talked about SEL. Have teachers greet students. It is powerful when they feel welcome. He wants them to feel safe so learning can happen. Wants affirmations of learning. He talked about the book committee. He talked about the DOJ report: create new policy, reporting system, and better communication. He is working on systemic systems that work for our kids and loving them. He talked about respect for teachers and having them feel supported.

5. Library Book Committee Update – Rachelle Sagers & Jeanette Moore

- Have a list of things that the committee needs to be looking for. There is a mission statement. Make sure they meet all the sensitive information laws. Went through the list of books that have not been checked out in 15 years. This policy is for library books not for textbooks used in classrooms for curriculum.
- Tiffany Tueller served on the social studies committee. There was bias and one-sided stories that were incorrect. Make sure all stories are told correctly.
- Mr. Cawley talked about his experience about teaching English in Vietnam, and one-sided information being taught that is incorrect. Mr. Chapple assured Mr. Cawley that the USOE is working with the legislature.
- Teachers must disclose all books that students will be using in the classroom.
- There is a process where parents can remove access for their children to certain books.
- Mr. Chapple said that parents can check their guardian accounts to see what books they have checked out.
- Mrs. Moore talked about what a great job Mrs. Weideman is doing in the library.

6. DSD Bond – Brad Chapple

- Mr. Chapple showed the CC the District’s website where they can read about the bond: dsdbond.org (Bountiful Elementary School, Bountiful High School on the bond)

7. Budget Review – Brad Chapple

Review expenditures to date in the Land Trust budget.

- Goal 1: Homework clubs expenditures
- Goal 2: Special Ed TA, Student success center, personalized software
- Spoke to the reallocation of the math tutor money to be used for a productivity period. Will talk about it as it gets closer to second semester.

8. Data Review – Brad Chapple

- Mr. Chapple met with a data specialist at the district, Jon Hyatt.
- Mr. Chapple could only see sub scores in Power BI.
- Mr. Chapple showed the CC the Data Gateway page from the State. (“data gateway” at Utah.gov, select schools, select MJH – compare school and data proficiency reports are available and show great information)
- MJH received a “B” grade, but we are close to getting an “A” and that is our goal.
- Can pullout demographic information and compare to other schools that are similar. There are six schools that are out performing us in math. BJH is one of those schools. They have math every day. How are they teaching math there? Then we looked at growth. KJH has great scores. What can we learn from them? We are waiting for the data to be broken down by grade level.
- Over the summer our math teachers went to summer training. Teachers are working on some new teaching strategies. Mr. Chapple is working on bringing on board all the math teachers to these new strategies. We want to grow by 5 points each for the next two years.
- Parents need resources for helping their children at home. There is going to be a new textbook in the math classrooms. Teachers need to be transparent with parents and communicate. Parents don’t do math the “new” way, and parents need resources to help. Some new textbooks have “Notes to parents.”

9. 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)

- November 30*
- January 25
- February 22
- March 22
- April 26
- Dates approved

*Safe Technology and Digital Citizenship responsibility for Council (November meeting)

10. Adjourn meeting --- Next Meeting – Wednesday, November 30, 2022 at 3:45 PM

Action Items: Invitation to Heather Gray Millcreek School Technology Specialist to share information about digital citizenship and safe technology.

Jeanette Moore brought up safety. She is worried about 500 South and 200 East. Children are almost hit every day. Need to present at City Council meeting a need for a flashing light for pedestrians. (They have solar powered ones). There is no light. Flags do not work. Mr. Chapple made suggestions last year. Mr. Chapple contacted Cecily Price-Huish last year. **Mr. Cheney has not heard any complaints since 2019.** Police said that they have added patrols at busy times.