

## **Hillside Middle School School Community Council Meeting Minutes March, 2023**

**In attendance:** JaNeal Rodriguez, Justin Spencer, Natalie Smith, Kelly Lear, Courtney Schriever, Sonal Kerr, Liz Buirley, Carla Were, Cari Fifield, Jeff Q, Kelly Yearout, Cindy Remke, Jenny Kearnl, Cari Fifield, Rach, Edie Morgan, Noel

### **Guest Speaker -Bryant Jensen, School Board Report**

Three significant things the Board is working on. 1) Superintendent search—parents received an email with survey for important aspects for a superintendent. The board is now in the stage of posting the job announcement. SLC website has a place on the homepage with a link for applying for the position. It is open until the 31<sup>st</sup> of March. An applicant stakeholder committee will then be created to review applications. The hope is by May there will be a decision for the superintendent. They are looking at a superintendent within the state rather than a nationwide search based upon the experience with the prior superintendencies.

2) Population and boundary study is being reviewed by the board. SLCS D is approaching this by assigning a director over this process to share the study out to each of the schools. The study process will take about 18 months to complete. The school year 2024-2025 will begin to have some of the impact based upon the study and decision making. Brian Conley has been assigned by the district as the director over this process. He has been working with elementaries at this time and not yet secondary.

3) Feasibility study on rebuild for Highland and West High Schools. There have been several meetings at both high schools to introduce options for rebuilds for these schools. Highland has 3 options. West has 4 options. There is a desire to honor and preserve heritage as well as build good learning environments. They are also looking at not disrupting learning, cost, and sustainability in the build. There will need to be bonds to help fund the cost of the buildings.

### Discussion Item

- Parent Communication: Cindy Remke—There is a request to get more detailed information sent out to parents in the Week at a Glance or other avenues. JaNeal mentioned we may be able to also increase information in FaceBook pages and other sources and can close gaps on Week at a Glance. It was also noted Hillside's School Website has a link to the public calendar with sports (which has sports events), news posts and school announcement banners for general public, parents, and students.

### **Counselor's Report: Cari Fifield**

- Will be going out to classrooms this week with lessons.
- Completing getting ready for our district school counseling review on March 24<sup>th</sup>. Explained evidence box.
- Reported out PIP project meeting goal of increasing by 10% of LatinX students who access honors courses next year. School counselors have successfully completed this goal.

- Shared about SMART survey being done this year, its purpose and how counselors will use the data in upcoming years.

**Principal's Report: JaNeal Rodriguez & Justin Spencer**

- Hillside Middle School will focus on two areas of critical academic need: failing grade and attendance. Hillside will DECREASE the percentage of students
- Propose to continue this goal. Paras in the Husky Den have been critical to this goal. Thinking of expanding Husky Den to after school. Adding a seventh-grade boot camp.
- Paul Schulte examined the bus drop off in the front of the school. There is a long line of cars to drop off. Request for parents, please drop students off earlier and at the south end of sidewalk just let your child off to walk the small stretch to door rather than all wait to take student clear to the door. Looking at traffic flow ideas, moving fire hydrants, whatever needs to be done
- Examined Hillside Dress Code draft, got input from middle and high school follow District policy with rationale and details.
- 2021-2022 Land trust amount was \$73,809, no carry over from previous year
- Focus on decreasing D's & F's
- Increase attendance
- Husky Den was part of fund use, administration has met with Husky Den twice last month, Christina Leavitt will share report at future meeting
- SCC voted unanimously to pass Land Trust

Meeting began at 7:00 a.m., ended at 7:33 a.m.