

## Syracuse Jr. High Community Council Notes

Sept 20, 2023

Started 4:02 pm

Attendees: Brad Chapple (Principal), Erin Anderson (council member), Jamie Ellis (council member), Jenn Pond (teacher), Josh Cleaverly (vice chair), Kelly Zalit (chair), Nathan Iniguez (council member), Nyla Weaver (council member)

Absent: Dana Cook (school counselor), Jazmine Alcantra (council member)

Dana was excused due to parent teacher conferences being held at Syracuse Jr. during the meeting.

1. Introductions of attendees including District boundaries committee- Nathan Lee (Training for planning), Chandalee Bodily (Area Director), Helen Van Natter (Retried but coming back to serve on the boundaries committee), Steve Snow (Finance)
2. Boundaries presentation- new junior high will have one of the largest capacities in the district. Dual Spanish program will move there, leaving Syracuse Jr. with only Chinese Dual Immersion. Spanish classes will still be offered at Syracuse Jr. Question about few number of portables being needed. They said yes.
3. Council Business:
  - Kelly Zalit voted in as chair.
  - Josh Cleaverly voted in as vice chair.
  - Dana Cook nominated at secretary.
4. Skipped
5. No dates have been set yet by USBE. It will be on zoom and recorded. The committee has been asked to watch it once it is posted.
6. Enrollment was a bit smaller than projected and next year the enrollment may go down again. This could lead to a loss of teacher to the new junior high opens. We have a capacity of 911 students, we are well over that right now.
  - a. SIP conversations: math goal, ELA goal and WIDA goals reviewed. ELA department is working to create small group instruction, starting term 2, twice a month, to target individual student needs. Math department worked on creating additional learning experiences that allows students to work on how to solve a problem. District loved the math manuals created by the math department (woot woot), so they did not charge the school for the printing of the materials, in exchange for using it district wide. This is an additional \$10,000 that had been budgeted for. Syracuse Jr. has added an ELD class to support multi-language learners who take the WIDA test. We have a carry over of \$50,000 from 2022-23 that will need to be used this school year. There was a question about the purchasing of graphic novels and other texts that support neurodiverse learners. These were purchased in June, but are not reflected on the totals spent yet.
  - b. CC will review the budget at every meeting to ensure proper expenditures.
  - c. Discussion around how to use the carry-over funds revolved around the use of translation devices for multi-language learners.

- d. Discussion around data being collected for the Land Trust goals set. ELA is using Growth Measure (new this year). Math is using RISE data. WIDA will be used for multi-language learners.
- 7. Community Council will meet the **2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday** of each month. This is an adjustment from this month, as we had to accommodate the boundary committee from the District.
  - October 11
  - November 8
  - January 10
  - February 14
  - March 13
  - April 10

Motion to adjourn meeting by Erin Anderson. Second by Jenn Pond. Meeting ended at 5:03 pm.