
COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes

Date:	October 26, 2023
Meeting convened:	4:00 PM
Meeting called to order by:	Tammy McDougal

In attendance

Tammy McDougal, Jose Gomez, Keri Lewis, Tami Oliver, Natalie Anderson, Jake Crossley, Cathy Herbert

Election of secretary

Cathy Herbert volunteered to be the secretary. Natalie Anderson nominated Cathy, Jake Crossley seconded the motion, and all were in favor of the motion.

Approval of previous minutes

Tammy McDougal moved to approve the minutes from the September 22, 2023 meeting, Cathy Herbert seconded the motion, and all were in favor in the motion.

Meeting schedule and rules of order

Community Council will meet on the 4th Thursday of the month in the Counseling Conference Room. The rules of order were reviewed.

DSD School Community Council Guidelines and trainings

Each member received a copy of the DSD School Community Council Guidelines and information about trainings.

Business Items

- A. Review DSD Safe Schools—Inclusion and Belonging
 - a. Mrs. Oliver shared how the administration presented the Inclusion and Belonging presentation from the district which stemmed from lawsuits and the DOJ investigation.
 - b. Sunset JR administration presented to the student body to help students understand how to do better about using language that is not offensive and shows inclusion and belonging.
 - c. For new students or those who missed it, the presentation will be made with a voiceover so they can also have the information needed.
 - d. Mrs. Oliver is pulling small groups at lunch to get to know them better.

- e. There is also a Multicultural Advisory Council with students of diverse backgrounds. This has helped the administration understand some of the issue and concerns. Students are encouraged to report any instance of comments that make them uncomfortable so we can help to change the culture to one where all feel welcome and treated with respect.
 - f. The administration is in the process of getting novels approved for the whole school to read during advisory over the next three years. This is an effort to teach students how to be kind and more sensitive through literature.
 - g. Counselors started Empathy Circles to teach students to show more empathy to each other. Faculty and staff are also trained to show empathy and compassion to each other and students.
 - h. Community Council suggests that there are follow-ups throughout the year to remind students and staff about the expectations of inclusion and belonging.
- B. Review SY2024 TSSP Plan
- a. Goal #1 is on page 6 and focuses on test scores, especially to improve ELL and SPED students to score at least an average SGP of 50
 - b. Goal #2 is on page 8 and focuses on graduation rates and credits for 9th graders going to the high school. There are four Americorp Student Success Coordinators who are working with around 40 to 60 students to complete work and make up credits where needed. There will be another Americorp SSC soon.
- C. Review Teacher Grants and spending plan
- a. This year there was a need to add an increase in teacher grants to purchase heart monitors to use for P.E. classes.
 - b. Next year, teacher grants will be offered in the \$10,000 to \$15,000 range. We can look at current school improvement plan to plan for next year. The majority is spent paying for teacher productivity so more classes can be offered.
- D. Digital Citizenship
- a. Last year's Community Council approved the current Digital Citizenship lessons provided during advisory.
 - b. Mrs. Olliver will share the links for those current lessons for Community Council to review.
 - c. Community Council may need to add more topics if deemed appropriate.
- E. Additional items
- a. Construction is going well.
 - b. Sunset JR is purchasing PBIS Rewards and planning to implement it in December. Teachers can award points to students for good behavior. Students and teachers can earn points to purchase items from the School Store. Students must have their ID badge with them to earn the points.

Meeting adjourned at 4:46 PM

Next meeting is on November 30, 2023, in the Counseling Conference Room.