

School Community Council Meeting Minutes 11/14/2023

Attendees: Carla O'Connell-Were, Jared Lisonbee, JaNeal Rodriguez, Sarah Olson, Cindy Remke, Robert Horsley, Melissa Quigley, Bryan Kinneberg, Anna, Scott, Jonathan Gardner, Brian Clinger, D. Walker, Courtney Schriever, Nelsia, Bryan Jensen, Sam Quantz, Kristi Swett, Marcie, Liz Wright, Mike Risley, Rae, Jeremey, Courtney Schriever, Brynly Graham, Jenny Kearl, Tarynn Richards, Frank Stites

SCC (School Community Council) Business:

- Reviewed and approved minutes from October.

School Counselor Report – Cari Fifield

- We are currently conducting 8th grade College & Career Readiness conferences.
- 7th grade College & Career Readiness conferences are being set up through science classes this week.
- We are putting out multiple invitations, via postcards, email, and a variety of ways to invite parents.
- 7th grade CCR presentations will be 11/28 in Ms. Freedman's science classes and 11/30 in Ms. Dunn's 7th grade classes.

Principal Report – Principal Rodriguez and Assistant Principal Olson

- Shared safety protocols. Currently have 30 Incidents- behavior level admin handle. Earlier in the year they were vaping, then moved to student general management issues and recently fighting. This has been addressed so students are aware that not only fighting but filming, being a by-stander, posturing or encouraging fighting are all subject to sanctions.
- Dignity Index rolled out by District and Equity Director to assist teachers in helping students understand words used matter.
- Hillside has had earthquake drills, fire drills and did a walk through with the director
- Parent question about supporting students repairing relationships in school after incidents. Principal Rodriguez stated there are restorative pieces, such as Friend's group, social workers, Promising Youth advocate, etc. but only when kids are willing, which isn't always.

Sam Quantz –Chief Information Officer, Information Technology, Salt Lake City School District, presented on Digital Citizenship

- Building a digital community
- District uses internet filtering software. Content Keeper Internet Filter filters websites based on content, looks at which are appropriate sites for school and blocks those which

are not appropriate or uncategorized. Personal websites are blocked, because they are uncategorized but can be reported to get clearance.

- Different content is allowed at elementary schools vs. high schools. The District can allow a school access to a site for a certain time.
- YouTube is a challenge as it has good content but also much inappropriate content. It is blocked across the District, but educators can use MyVRSpot to allow for access to YouTube for using with students. District has a training on this.
- Google images is not blocked, no easy way to just block these or individual images. However, the District does have safe search enforced.
- Weebly comes up as private site so blocked but can get access.
- Microsoft allows us to manage all devices district wide. Each of our devices are forced to go through Mobile Device Management.
- Every year students go through Acceptable Use Policy to help students understand that technology.
- Net Positive Organization does a school wide assembly, library media teachers go over AUP.
- Protocols are in place for inappropriate use, internet filter is constantly active, principals receive daily reports of suspicious searches, guns, pornography, etc.
- Employees have similar technology filtering.
- Our filtering system is Content Keeper, which provides a robust network infrastructure and is free for schools. No product is perfect and must work to keep up with constant changes.
- District is one to one for devices (pcs). We do offer iPads for students with 504 plans. Every school tallies October enrollment, then District provides one to one plus 10 percent for breakage and loss.
- Main applications are Canvas, Microsoft Suite, Lexia, Clever, Midschool Math. One can find SLCS D's approved software on the District website.
- Consequences of violating computer use privileges include Principal Rodriguez reviewing policy with student, first offense - reminder, second turn - off computer privileges. If infraction is severe there can be immediate revocation of computer privileges and more. No AUP violations this year.
- Our "no cell phone" policy this year has helped curb violations although some still carry over from home.
- Ms. Buirley, the school librarian, explained the Acceptable Use policy lesson all students go through at the beginning of the year to learn appropriate and safe use and care of school's technology.

PTA (Parent Teacher Association) Update: N/A

School Board Report: Kristi Swett, School Board Member

- Sam Quantz provides enrollment numbers every year after October 1st.
- 516 students are enrolled at Hillside.
- 120 students have transferred in this year.
- 18 student gain this year.
- Consider having Sam share out a report on enrollment at a future SCC meeting.
- Dignity Index – program for educating parents, educators, and staff to recognize that words do matter. Involves a 1- 8 scale determining where you fall when interacting with people. Could be used as a school curriculum Dignity Index Website: <https://www.dignityindex.us/>
- We would like to see Dignity Index utilized as a help for interacting with one another.
- Career and technical pathways are available for SLCS D students. We have apprenticeships available through Utah Paperbox and Stanford Rail. These companies offer students an additional route for high school through free apprenticeships and after successful completion, interviews are guaranteed.
- School and boundary issues - November 22 a plan about transition will be discussed at a meeting at Glendale Middle School, 6 p.m., Monday, 11/20. The comment period will be extended. Hopefully, very specific information will be provided.
- Kristi stated that it's been a great opportunity for her to service the Hillside community in District 7. "I am not running again so my District will be open." A filing date will be in January. If anyone is interested in running for the school board, precinct 7 is one of the only precincts with elementary, middle, and high school. Go to Salt Lake County Clerk site to file. Election will be next November.
- "It's been an honor to serve, and I've had amazing constituents."

The meeting ended at 7:46 a.m.