

School Community Council Meeting Minutes 10/10/2023

Attendees: Carla O'Connell-Were, Jared Lisonbee, JaNeal Rodriguez, Sarah Olson, Cindy Remke, Heather Nyman, Gretta Griffiths, Robert Horsley, Melissa Quigley, Bryan Kinneberg, Anna, Scott, Jonathan Gardner, Brian Clinger, D. Walker, Courtney Schriever, Nelsia, Bryan Jensen

SCC (School Community Council) Business: none

School Counselor Report – Cari Fifield

- This has been a fantastic school year. We have been able to get an earlier start on many of our projects. 8th grade College & Career Individual Conferences will begin October 23 and run through January (or until all 8th grade students have had a conference.) Parents receive multiple invitations through mail, emails, phone calls at times, newsletters, etc.
- School counselors will also be teaching our 2-day Lifelines suicide prevention lessons in 8th grade CCA classes during October. 7th grade students get the Lifelines lessons through their health class and health teacher.
- School counselors have been working with Tina Johnson as our new Hope Squad advisor. We have completed Hope Squad Student Training and have had our first bi-monthly meeting with the students. Meetings are held during lunchtime on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month. Students have lessons, plan lunch connection activities and have opportunities to be supported and debrief with advisors. Tina Johnson (Health Teacher) is our head advisor with support by Ryan McLaughlin (Language Arts), Cari' Fifield (School Counselor, and Elizabeth Neff-Mikolash (School Counselor). We are excited about our Hope Squad startup and are looking forward to this year.

Principal Report

- Calm beginning of school year. We have had two fights. JaNeal is making an announcement for students today about expectations., and Social Emotional Learning lessons will be focused on solving conflicts appropriately. The students involved have a history of fighting, and we do not want to see this switching the culture of school. There are layers of issues we are trying to unpeel and understand root causes.
- Most students go outside for lunch, and it is good to see them getting sunshine and fresh air.
- Aly Wickham, our behavior specialist has helped support some of these students. Overall, we have good systems in place, and just need to fix certain aspects.
- Parent concern was stated over the use of N word and other racist terms being used by students. JaNeal stated to let her know when this happens, because we address it as soon as we can. We educate students as to the concern with racial words, many students, not just a particular race is saying it. If you hear this, please let us know. We are addressing this as a school.

PTA (Parent Teacher Association) Update

- Red Ribbon Week went well with connectivity issues during lunches. Fire Dance Performance went unexpectedly short. PTA is in conversation with performer.

- PTA brought meals for parent teacher conferences; faculty is grateful for their wonderful meals.
- Safe Schools Week: October 15-21
- [20 Questions Every Parent Should Ask](#)
- <https://www.votervoice.net/BroadcastLinks/F3uvmZq2ifJiyXKumfEZtQ>
- October [10th PTA Meeting Agenda](#) (1:30 p.m.)

Student update:

- Lockers will be presented to SIC (School Improvement Council) today.

School Board Report

- The school boundary discussions are continuing in the community and at Board meetings.
- In our next meeting, we will be getting a preliminary report on the current enrollment numbers, which will provide good information for the board and our community.

Bryan Johnson:

- Population and Boundary Study information:
<https://www.slcschools.org/departments/information-technology/boundaries-and-planning/population-and-boundary-study>

The meeting ended at 7:33 a.m.