

Syracuse Junior High Community Council Minutes

For

January 10, 2024

1. Welcome and Introductions – Kelly Zalit

Attendance: Iniguez, Cleverly, Anderson, Ellis, Weaver, Arnita, Chapple, Howard, Spark, Pond, Hogan

2. Counselor's Update – Dana Howard

Counselors are just getting ready for the classroom lessons for 2024-25 course requests. Information will be sent to the parents on how to enter their students course request online. We now have an Integrated Educational Therapist to help with some of the responsive services.

3. Admin Update – Brad Chapple

Mr. Chapple inquired about the school district calendar and how the proposed dates and timings were received. There were pros and cons to the proposed district calendar. The district calendar committee will discuss pros and cons.

Mr. Chapple talked about the No Cell Phone policy proposed by Governor Cox. There needs to be a unified front from parents and teachers for this policy to be successful. Parents are concerned that they will not be able to communicate with their students during an emergency. Teachers are concerned about taking phones from students due to liability. An idea was presented about having students place their phones into a “cubby” for the class period. Students would be able to use the phones during lunch and between classes. Community Council members agree that most parents would be supportive of this initiative. No phones would eliminate much of the drama that happens at school. In addition, it was mentioned that not having a cell phone would eliminate wireless air pods. It was mentioned that more surveys could be created to gather data with parents' point of view. Schools may be able to create their own “No Phone” policy using a district guideline.

4. Trust Land Budget – Brad Chapple

Mr. Chapple discussed how Trust Land budgets are distributed and how much money each department has spent with the current TL budget. The current School Improvement Plan goals were discussed and how the monies spent directly tied in with each goal (see 2023-24 SIP).

5. School Improvement Plan timeline – Brad Chapple

Plan Outline

a. January-Data Review

- Mr. Chappel presented the data between schools that were close to SJH to see where we need improvements in our academic delivery.
- Mr. Chapple talked about using the Data Gateway to see the comparisons with testing scores.
- The community needs to value the testing process and not opt out of end of level testing.

- We discussed the PPT that Mr. Chapple created showing where SJHS scores fall comparatively in each core content area (see PPT).
- We discussed the mental health data that was collected through the student surveys. Please see the PPT for the data on SJHS student mental health concerns.

b. February-Goals Presented

c. March- Teacher Requests and approval of funds

d. End of March/First of April- Signatures

6. Data Presentation & Review- Brad Chapple

7. Meet every Second Wednesday of each month at 4:00 PM (Change to meeting in February, march meeting generally runs long, usually no meeting in May)

-February 13 (Tuesday)

-March 26 (Plan on a longer meeting)

-April 10

8. Adjourn Meeting

Action Item: Next Meeting, present Goals for feedback