

**Hillside Middle School School Community Council Meeting October 8, 2024**

**In attendance:** JaNeal Rodriguez, Nicole Nell, Andrea Reeder, Liz Buirley, Jenny Kearl, Carla O'Connell-Were, Bryan Jensen, Michele Obuko, Emma Achiu, Stacy Bauman, Monica Miles, Heather Nyman, Laura Revuelta-Vela, TD, Robby, Heather Hendriksen

**Counselor's Report: Victoria Saley**

- In health classes, counselors are conducting a mental health screener to help identify any students feeling suicidal or depressed. These will be used to get resources to any students in need.
- Completed Anti-Bullying & Anti-Harassment Training in classes
- College and Career Readiness introduction lessons will begin next week

**PTA Report:**

- Haunted Hallways October 24 All proceeds go to helping Hillside families.
- Red Ribbon/Connections week provided activities promoting social connection.

**SCC Business:**

- SCC members voted in Nicole Nell as Vice Chair/President Elect of SCC 2024-2025
- Michele Okubo presented the Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports plan for curbing alcohol, tobacco and vaping use:
- Social Emotional Learning lessons in 2<sup>nd</sup> period are used for mindfulness, curbing anxiety & stress, anti-bullying & anti-harassment and more. Other school activities throughout the year targeting SEL needs involve events such as Red Ribbon/Connections week, individual and group counseling, several pro-social groups such as HOPE Squad, School Musical, National Junior Honor Society, Husky TV, After School programs from guitar, yoga, crochet to Dungeons & Dragons help build friendships. The school's behavior interventionist created the "Lunch Bunch," a quieter space for students during lunch.
- PBIS plan was voted on and approved by SCC Link: [Hillside PBIS Plan 2024-2025](#)
- Land Trust - Principal Rodriguez described the creation of the "Husky Pack" committee which is focused on assisting students who are failing 2 or more core classes.

**Principal's Report: JaNeal Rodriguez**

- JaNeal presented Hillside's Academic Goals for the School Improvement Plan. Link:
- [School Improvement Plan 2024-2025](#). This document is also available on the school website.
- Parent expressed concern about attempted fight, chasing off and use of N word by student toward another. Principal Rodriguez responded that there are consequences which occur that are not made public for student privacy issues, but they are addressing issues when they are notified. It takes a culture of a whole community as some of these instances occur off campus. The counselor responded that they try to educate students through anti-bullying lessons. For example, one of the lessons addressed the use of the N word, and this is addressed when we are told about incidents. Sometimes other kids hear it, but don't say anything. Consequences follow the district S-3 policy. Middle schools worked over the summer on calibrating consequences for incidents, so they respond equally across schools for similar behaviors. Parents and students reporting issues to administration and the SafeUT app have been helpful with preventing issues to escalate. Please encourage your student to use it.

**School Board Report – Bryan Jensen**

- There will be an open house tomorrow on the bond issue for the November ballot. Edison: 6-8 p.m., October 9. Highland: 6-8 p.m., October 23 in the commons area.

Meeting began at 7:00 a.m., ended at 7:37 a.m.