

Hillside Middle School School Community Council Meeting November 14, 2024

In attendance: JaNeal Rodriguez, Andrea Reeder, Liz Buirley, Jenny Kearl, Carla O'Connell-Were, Bryan Jensen, Heather Nyman, Nicole Nell, Heather Hendriksen

Counselor's Report: Victoria Saley

- 8th Grade High School Tour happening this week
- Weekly SEL periods today on dignity and how to disagree well, being kind to each other
- Suicide prevention lessons coming up
- Meeting individually with parent and students on College and Career
- Counselors sending out a needs assessment asking for feedback from families on things they would like help with. Families, please check your emails and fill out before January.

PTA Report: Andrea Reeder

- Spirit week will be the week of November 18-November 22
- School Dance will be 11/22
- Red Ribbon/Connections week provided activities promoting social connection.

SCC Business:

- Safe walking routes: JaNeal displayed map. There are no changes to our walking routes. No issues this year. If there is feedback about unsafe areas, please let JaNeal know.
- School Safety and Digital Citizen reports: Students receive lessons on Internet safety and protocols. The librarian, Liz Buirley, gives students an Acceptable Use Policy lesson at the beginning of the year. JaNeal receives reports weekly on student internet searches and has ability to stop internet access for students who may be using internet inappropriately.
- Positive Behavior Plan: Has been submitted and approved. Working on adjusting protocols for Tier I and tier II. We are updating our Husky Way Cards. Husky TV is used to model and remind of proper behaviors.
- We have student of the month from Kiawinis Club to notice and reward students
- Vice Principal, Lamar Spotted Elk, had a donut reward for students with perfect attendance during 1st quarter and will continue with highlighting most improved for 2nd quarter and will continue to change it up throughout year. 85 students earned the 1st quarter reward with an average GPA of 3.8!
- Husky Pack is an intervention group that focuses on students with F's in their core content areas. Student interviews were conducted. Held a Husky Pack dinner with parents encouraging attendance, homework, catching up on grades, how to check Powerschool, etc. Students must come once a week after school. Students have their own advocate, planner and are supported throughout the quarter. Attendance is big part of the Husky Pack. Home is called when a student doesn't show. This is an intense intervention for students who aren't showing up.

Principal's Report: JaNeal Rodriguez

- District bus passes are being dispensed currently. The passes are helping with some bus behavior as well. Bus passes are now in a Tap-ZUM app with parents being able to see when students get on and off the bus.
- Bus pass shows up as like air tag when your phone is close

- Have had a total of 5 Tier III incidents this year, 4 vaping and 1 with a look a like weapon
- Thank you to Mr. Edward, SBO's, volunteers, and families for hosting Haunted Hallways. This is an event help to purchase holiday help for Hillside's Families.
- Parents, please check lunch balances that are adding up.
- Excited about first during the school day dance which will be hosted and coordinated by the PTA

School Board Report – Bryan Jensen

- **Thank you for efforts on bond issue, attending meetings and supporting**
- **Next meeting will present canvassing results and actually start the design work**
- **Two architectural firms have already committed plans. That is the first step. Hope is to move quickly.**

Meeting began at 7:00 a.m., ended at 7:26 a.m.