



# Sunset Ridge Middle School

## Home of the Falcons

School Community Council Meeting Notes

October 12, 2022 | 6:00 pm | SRMS

### Council Members

Lisa Eskesen-In attendance

Shelly Visser-Absent

Susannah Holden-In attendance

Tiffany Wilhelm-In attendance

Erika Lowe-In attendance

Mark Schiszler – Teacher-In attendance

Audrey Fish—Principal-In attendance

Amy Lloyd—Assistant Principal-In attendance

### Non-Council Members in Attendance

Garrett Decker—Counselor

Frances Dallons—Teacher

### Agenda

Welcome & Introduction of Council Members (Current contact information)

Additional members needed. Garret Decker and Frances Dallons will not be council members until more parents join the council so we can maintain the necessary parent council member majority.

Election of SCC Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary

- Lisa Eskesen Voted in as Council Chair: Motioned by Susannah, Seconded by Audrey, unanimously approved
- Mark Shciszler as Vice Chair: Motioned by Lisa, Seconded by Erika, unanimously approved
- Erika Lowe as secretary: Motioned by Lisa, Seconded by Amy, unanimously approved

Proposed Schedule of Meeting Dates

Proposed meeting time Wednesdays at 5:30. Future meetings will be held on 11/30/22, 01/18/23, and 03/1/23.

Review Rules of Order

We are able to have 6 school members and 8 parent members. We need a quorum to vote. If a parent member is absent for 2 meetings their seat is considered vacant. Voting via email is acceptable as long as what is being voted on is discussed in person in the meeting and those voting are there for it. Motion was made by Lisa Eskesen, seconded by Audrey Fish, and unanimously approved.

Assignment to review and update school website requirements as needed

Amy Lloyd said she would take on this task.

Review of LANDTrust

\$187,000 this year. Salaried benefits employees (recovery aides and 2 ELA aides) account for \$145,000. Teachers are covering classes when other teachers are sick due to substitute and staffing shortages. Funding also goes to Professional development, workshops, field trips and summer schools/camps. 350 Chromebooks will need to be purchased over the next 2 years.

#### Safe Walking Route & Busing Situation update

Bus pull in and parking was reviewed in the summer and it was found that the way it is now is the best option for the buses to get in and out of the parking lot.

#### Counseling Center Update

As of meeting date the counselors had completed 5312 visits, including over 1200 counseling sessions. They are seeing a lot of mental health issues and many of those students are near crisis. Susannah asked about ear marking future funds from LANDTrust toward mental health resources. The counselors will be providing suicide prevention lessons in each class using curriculum written by the school counselors.

#### Digital Citizenship Report

We decide this as a council. Netsmart is an option. Kids are food digital citizens. Audrey will give us options at the next meeting.

#### Principal's Update

- Summer School Programs report: 57 credits were recovered. The reading program was able to visit Barnes and Noble and purchase books for each student.
- Credit deficiencies: 8 home visits were completed.
- Overall attendance has improved from last year. In the prior year there were 100-150 students absent each day and now it is in the 50-80 student range.
- Update on student attendance: Last year we averaged 150 absences per day and this year it's about 50-80 per day. These are students that are absent for the entire day. Intervention is done when they are absent 4 days in a row.
- ELL Students & Taskforce: 12 teachers to support language learners. SRMS has about 200 ELL.
- Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Team: Team was offered training on the September 16<sup>th</sup> Professional Development day. They have provided lessons during TA and have a goal of providing a multicultural day during the school and in the evening.
- Dream Team: Once a month each TA chooses 1 student who has made an improvement of that kind, they are invited to breakfast with food donated by Chick-fil-A. They meet by grade.