



# SUNSET RIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL

## Home of the Falcons

School Community Council Meeting Minutes

January 18, 2023 | 5:30 pm | Sunset Ridge Middle School

**Council Members in Attendance:** Lisa Eskesen, Shelly Visser, Susannah Holden, Erika Lowe, Tiffany Wilhelm, Niki George, Mark Schiszler (Teacher), Amy Lloyd (Assistant Principal), Audrey Fish (Principal), Garrett Decker (School Counselor)

**Also in Attendance:** Frances Dallons (Teacher), Carrie North, Susan Allen

**Meeting called to order at 5:41 pm**

**Changes in Council Members:** Motion was made by Tiffany Wilhelm to add Carrie North to the council as an additional parent member, seconded by Erika, unanimously approved. With an additional parent member Carrie motioned to add Frances Dallons to the council as an additional school employee member, seconded by Susannah, unanimously approved.

**Review and approval of prior meeting minutes:** Audrey motioned to approve minutes, seconded by Frances, unanimously approved.

**Counseling Center Update (Garrett):** Garrett said counselors are primarily dealing with schedule changes right now with the start of the new semester. They anticipate large amounts of changes for the next week or so and then those requests/changes will slow down. Audrey commented that the counselors are working well with students, teachers, and parents.

### **Safe Walking Route Review and Vote (Amy)**

- Amy recently drove the safe walking routes as they are currently approved and did not see a need for any changes. Erika motioned to approve, Shelly seconded, unanimously approved.
- Audrey showed a picture of the bus zone the first morning back from winter break, showing it full of personal vehicles in addition to the buses. They will be obtaining A-Frame signs to display at the bus zone entrance and exit reminding parents it is for buses only. School staff will also be there to discourage parents from using the bus zone to drop off/pick up their students.
- Concerns expressed about students walking through the bus zone to get to their parents' cars, Audrey said they would remind students to use sidewalks.
- Parents are going against flow of traffic in student drop off lanes
- Carrie asked if a crossing guard could be added at 6700 W at the bottom of 8305 S, students are crossing outside crosswalks. Carrie also asked if they could encourage

students to walk in groups when going to the same neighborhoods/areas for safety in numbers.

**Review of LANDTrust Budget:** Using \$109k of carryover funding to buy 500 Chromebooks, will include licensing, cases, etc.

**Digital Citizenship Update:** Students will have Netsmarts internet safety training during morning assembly on February 2, 2023. The internet safety program offered by USBE is booked through May, so Audrey has made arrangements to use this training for next school year and has it scheduled for September 18, 19 and 20<sup>th</sup>, providing the training for one grade each of those days. USBE training will teach 3-4 modules that can be selected by school staff based on needs/concerns of students at that time.

**School Safety:** Concerns were expressed by several parents about the safety practices being used at the school. Lisa specifically mentioned times she has entered the school during the school day and has not had to go through the main office because the second set of doors into the school were unlocked and open. Other parents mentioned passing through the main office without any acknowledgement from office staff. Audrey said the doors into the school are locked so people do have to go through the main office. Audrey would like an iPad in the entrance vestibule so parents will be able to check out students without entering the school. Audrey gave some information about a recent safety threat they dealt with at the school, and explained the process they use to manage those types of situations, the school staff that is involved to analyze the information and threats, when the school resource officer becomes involved, when parents are alerted, etc.

**French DLI Program (Staffing and Funding):** Currently have a French speaking long-term sub through February 3<sup>rd</sup> and the permanent teaching position is still open. There is also a CTE teaching position open, and Audrey said there are 350 students without a teacher right now between the French and CTE classes. Various concerns expressed by parents about frustrations they and their DLI students are feeling lately with lack of staffing and support of the program. Ms. Fish sent an email survey to DLI students regarding their experience. The school receives funds for students that pass the AP test that go to the DLI program. Funds are used for curriculum/books in that program. Audrey said someone from the State DLI will be doing some guest teaching, and someone with the district is creating/providing the curriculum for the long term sub to teach from.

**Principal's Update:** Audrey said our SCC was audited for 2019-20 and the feedback she received was entirely complimentary, in particular about the information included in the meeting minutes. Audrey would like collaboration on the LANDTrust budget at our next meeting.

**Meeting adjourned:** Motion made by Shelly, seconded by Tiffany. Adjourned at 7:30 pm.