



Sunset Ridge Middle School

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School Community Council Meeting Minutes

October 4, 2023 | 6:00 pm | Sunset Ridge Middle School

Council Members		
First Year of Term	Second Year of Term	Principal
Kristin Gonzales	Lisa Eskesen	Audrey Fish
Kristina Leikam	Shelly Visser	School Employees (Odd Year Start)
Scott Vitale	Tiffany Wilhelm (absent)	Ethan Walsh, Nate Smith
Chelsea Keith		School Employees (Even Year Start)
Susannah Holden		Amy Lloyd, Frances Dallons, Garrett Decker

ACTION ITEM: Elect a Chair and Vice-Chair

Election of Kristina Leikam as Chair: Motion made by Lisa, seconded by Chelsea, unanimously approved.

Election of Lisa Eskesen as Vice Chair (to include the assignment of recording minutes): Motion made by Kristina, seconded by Shelly, unanimously approved.

ACTION ITEM: Review and Approve Rules of Order & Procedure

Lisa suggested changing rules of order for the school employee council members to include the principal, a vice principal and 2 other school employees (previously approved to include the principal and 6 school employees). Motion to approve made by Lisa, seconded by Susannah, unanimously approved.

ACTION ITEM: Approval of Prior Meeting's Minutes

Motion to approve March 1, 2023 meeting minutes as presented in draft form made by Shelly, seconded by Lisa, unanimously approved.

Assignment: Review of required website information

Scott accepted assignment to review required website information and coordinate with Audrey or Amy to update website to be brought in compliance, if needed.

Collect member contact information and determine meeting schedule for the year

Meetings for the school year will be held at 6:00 pm on November 29, 2023, January 24, 2024, and March 6, 2024.

Boundary Change Proposal (JSD Representative): Mike Anderson, Assistant Superintendent of Jordan School District made presentation regarding proposed school boundary change. The role of the SCC includes fostering awareness of the process in the community and act as a contact for those who have questions about the process Mike wanted to provide information and answer questions members of the council may have.

Board Boundary Priorities:

- Endeavor to accommodate high growth areas and balance long term enrollment
- Endeavor to create boundaries that consider alignment of feeder systems
- Consider boundaries that are impacted by major traffic corridors and other natural barriers
- Consider boundary impacts on transportation services
- Consider boundary impacts that cross between municipal lines

Existing boundaries were approved in November 2018, and as part of those boundaries pocket busing boundary was put in place to alleviate anticipated growth at Sunset Ridge Middle School and Copper Hills High School, and also to bolster anticipated enrollment decline at Joel P Jensen Middle School and West Jordan High School.

Since then, COVID caused a slowing of residential development and school enrollment decline. As a result, the anticipated growth projected in 2018 hasn't materialized, established areas are aging with student yields dropping, decline in student yields should offset anticipated new growth leading to large but stable enrollments for the foreseeable future.

Areas in the West Hills Middle School, West Jordan Middle School Joel P Jensen Middle School and Elk Ridge Middle School boundaries could be adjusted. Proposed changes given to the school board in September and they approved proceeding with the proposed changes. Currently 6 middle school students are being pocket bussed to Joel P Jensen, all have accepted permits to come to Sunset Ridge. There were 3 high school students being pocket bused and 2 of those 3 students accepted a permit to attend Copper Hills (a senior remained at WJHS) in anticipation of the proposed boundary change.

Audrey clarified there are currently 67 students on a permit wait list which she is not approving. She has only approved permits for those within the pocket bused areas.

Projected enrollment at Sunset Ridge to remain around 1300 students for the next five years. School capacity is 1429 students without portables and 1560 with portables.

West Jordan High School currently has 1875 students

By August 30 affected schools and communities were notified. During September/October the board is soliciting comments which the school board will review during their November 14 meeting, and will then potentially take action November 28.

Safe Walking Route (Amy Lloyd): Same route as last year, will be voted on again in January. Audrey said someone at the PTA meeting mentioned students are not using a crosswalk on 6700 W so the school resource officer will be down there overseeing that area.

Digital Citizenship (Audrey Fish): This year a new curriculum called In Focus will be used. This month will be focusing on self-awareness. November will be Digital Citizenship curriculum to fulfill that requirement, including digital commerce, digital etiquette, digital health, digital integrity, digital literacy. These lessons will be provided during TA classes.

Counseling Center Update (Garrett Decker): To date the counseling center has completed 3,268 direct student service contacts, 441 parent contacts, and suicide prevention lessons. They have also done Language of High School lessons for 9th graders, introduced themselves to 7th graders, and provided Stress Management and Time Management during 7th grade CCA classes.

Review of LANDTrust Budget (Audrey): Goal #1 is to increase proficiency in Language Arts, Math and Science. Growth will be measured through RISE/ASPIRE scores. Some of the related expenses to meet this goal include salaries/benefits for aides, books, subscriptions, professional development, and Chromebook purchases (buying 500/year for the next 2 years which cost around \$125,000 to purchase the devices and licenses). We were going to be in a partnership with CHHS but that is currently on hold. Usage life of devices has been extended to 4-5 years.

Goal #2: Reduce number of credit deficiencies in core subjects, will be measured by failing grades in 9th grade core classes by quarter. Funding will go towards salaries/benefits for additional staff and 7th period authorization.

Carry-over 2021-2022 \$107,289.30
Received 2022-2023 \$190,117.41
Total available for 2022-23 \$297,406.71

Estimated funds to be spent in 2022-23 \$291,636
Estimated carryover from 2022-2023 \$5,770.71
Estimated distribution for 2023-2024 \$202,573.74
Total available for 2023-24 \$208,344.45
Estimated expenditures for 2023-24 \$207,000

TSSA Goal: Increase proficiency by 1% in core subjects by hiring three instructional coaches.

Principal's Update (Audrey Fish and Amy Lloyd):

Credit Recovery: Last year 3rd quarter stats
20 students had a contract to work on recovering credit

8 students recovered credit

Total credits recovered: 6 ELA, 1 Math, 2 biology, 1 geography

This year changing to BYU Independent study for credit recovery, which students will have to pay for (around \$35).

Shelly Visser who is a credit recovery aide said she sent home about 80 emails for 9th grade students currently failing a core class at mid-term (33 failing 1 class, 18 failing 2 classes, 8 failing 3 classes, 3 failing 4 classes).

Students are taking advantage of opportunities like lunch school and Friday school to get caught up in classes. They set goals and partner with parents. Working to set the habits in 7th and 8th grade so they are established by the time they reach 9th grade. Considering a pass/fail for students new to the country and are English language learners.

Parent Teacher Conferences: Will always be held in person at least part of the time. There was negative feedback due to confusion about the days/times for virtual conferences mostly being held outside the pre-scheduled conference days.

AP Test Scores from 2022-23: 58.3% pass rate for AP French (2% increase from last year, 36 students took the test), 82% pass rate for AP Human Geography (97 students took the test)

Meeting adjourned at 7:33 pm

Motion made by Audrey, seconded by Amy, unanimously approved