



Sunset Ridge Middle School

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School Community Council Meeting Minutes

November 29, 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 (absent)	School Employees (Odd Year Start)
Scott Vitale (absent)	Tiffany Wilhelm (absent)	Ethan Walsh, Nate Smith
Chelsea Keith		School Employees (Even Year Start)
Susannah Holden (absent)		Amy Lloyd, Frances Dallons, Garrett Decker (absent)

Meeting Called to Order at 6:07 pm

ACTION ITEM: Approval of Prior Meeting's Minutes

Tabled agenda item due to lack of quorum in attendance

Assignment: Review of required website information

Kristina and Audrey confirmed the website has been updated and in compliance with requirements.

Principal's Update

- Safety: Lockout follow up:** When the incident started at Copper Hills High School the Sunset Ridge SRO left in a hurry with lights on. Audrey was able to communicate with him on the radios on a different channel. He advised Sunset Ridge go into Lockout. Audrey sent an email to staff informing them of the action, then she made an announcement over the intercom asking staff to check email. Vice Principals went to portables to verify they had the information. One issue that came up during the situation was substitutes who wouldn't have received the email, so they have outlined a process to alleviate that issue if a future situation comes up. Questions were asked about the process of sending an email versus announcing over the intercom and Audrey reaffirmed they felt that was the best way to reduce panic among the students. During

the lockout Audrey was in contact with Cody Curtis from the District, and he advised they were drafting an email to send parents informing of the lockout. West Jordan Police Department indicated when to lift the lockout, and then another email was sent to staff. Niki George (Jordan School District Board Member) said they have a new head of security at the district who is making a lot of changes to safety protocols. One of those changes includes verbiage to use, changing to “secure” or “hold” rather than “lockdown” or “lockout,” since “lockdown” and “lockout” sound similar, especially over an intercom, and can cause confusion. There is a plan from the district to communicate and train at all levels (students, staff and parents). Overall, Audrey said the situation felt manageable.

Safe Walking Route (Amy Lloyd): Will be voted on at the next meeting. No significant changes. Still concerned about students crossing Bacchus Highway without using the skybridge and will be addressing the issue during morning announcements. They will be sending an email via Skylert and agreed to send it separate from the week at a glance. A suggestion was made to also start using social media such as Instagram and Snapchat to communicate information.

Fundraisers (Audrey Fish): The school can do 4 fundraisers a year. The fundraisers proposed by Audrey include:

- Nest Fest: CHHS Paw for a Cause (currently underway)
- Supporting Global and Local (food drive for local, Well in Africa for Global)
- The School Play raised funds from their production of Spamalot (already happened)
- Latinos in Action is doing a blanket drive
- PTSA’s fundraiser is Memory Books

Any approval of fundraisers will be tabled for next meeting because we don’t have a quorum to vote. Niki indicated district policy dictates all fundraisers need to be approved by the SCC.

ACTION ITEM: Need clarification on whether clubs can do a fundraiser without it counting as one of the four school fundraisers.

ACTION ITEM: Add fundraiser approval as an agenda item for first meeting of next school year.

Fight the new drug (In Focus-Digital Citizenship): December/January TA lessons will be In Focus Lessons. Audrey suggested the March/April TA lessons curriculum use “Fight the New Drug” educating about pornography. In Focus curriculum meets Digital Citizenship requirement, “Fight the New Drug” would be in addition. Using this type of curriculum is a site-based decision and does not have to be approved at the district level. Can include a parent night and in class instruction. PTSA would do a white ribbon week (internet safety) in connection with the timing of the lessons. Council members suggested providing information on the curriculum to parents prior to starting instruction for students, and allowing for an opt-out.

ACTION ITEM: Audrey will get resources and information about “Fight the New Drug” for the next meeting.

Counseling Center Update (Megan LeRoy): Course requests will be starting in January. The 6th grade course request night will be held January 8th and the counselors will also do visits to the elementary schools that week. The 7th and 8th grade course request night will be held

January 9th and will be advertised as more of an elective selection night. Copper Hills High School counselors will be coming to 9th graders' science classes during the week of parent teacher conferences.

On January 30th the counseling center will be hosting an activity for the entire school, tentatively calling it a "CTE Fair." Previous years teachers from all the JATC programs have come to the school. This year each grade will have their own activities to participate in

So far this year counselors have logged nearly 6,000 visits with students. They will be going through their interim review process in January. Audrey noted the enrollment for next year will be very similar to this year.

Review of LANDTrust Budget: Approximately 80% of budget is remaining to be spent on Goals #1 and #2. Still trying to hire 3 25-hour employees. Some funds still planned for Summer Camps. Have Community Outreach specialist who tracks attendance, calling parents who are not attending, inviting students to Friday school and additional helps for academic tracking. Currently \$15k of the budget is tagged for Chromebook purchases. Plan to buy 500 this year. Have already spent \$13k on Chromebooks when they phased out an older model and needed to replace those 50 units. Need \$125k to get all 500. Some funding can come from tech budget and TSSA budget. May have some funds left at the end of the year if unable to hire for the 3 part time open positions. Some of that excess would be used for Chromebooks.

TSSA Budget: Goal is to increase proficiency by 1% in core subjects. Majority of budget is remaining.

Credit Recovery: Using same program as CHHS. Currently 33 students need to make up one or more credits from 1st quarter. They can have 1 course open at a time. 8 packets are currently in progress.

Lunch School/Friday School: Both are going well. Students can get tickets from teachers to attend for extra help.

Next meeting January 24th: This will be a longer meeting involving LANDTrust. The current plan will be sent prior so it can be reviewed and new ideas noted to discuss at the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:27 pm

Motion made by Kristina, seconded by Chelsea, unanimously approved