



Sunset Ridge Middle School

Home of the Falcons

School Community Council Meeting Minutes

October 16, 2024 | 6:00 pm | Sunset Ridge Middle School

| Council Members | | |
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| First Year of Term | Second Year of Term | Principal |
| Lisa Eskesen | Kristina Leikam | Audrey Fish |
| Kristie Howe | Kristin Gonzales | School Employees (Odd Year Start) |
| Melissa Foust (absent) | Scott Vitale | n/a |
| | Chelsea Keith (absent) | School Employees (Even Year Start) |
| | Susannah Holden | Amy Lloyd, Frances Dallons, Amy Feldman |

Also in attendance: Megan LeRoy (school counselor) and Niki George (Jordan School Board representative)

Meeting Called to Order at 6:00 pm

ACTION ITEMS:

- **Elect a Chair and Vice-Chair:** Lisa nominated Kristina as Chair, seconded by Kristie, unanimously approved. Kristina nominated Lisa as Vice-Chair, seconded by Kristie, unanimously approved.
- **Assign review of required website information:** Scott agreed to take on the assignment of reviewing SCC information on school website to make sure it is in compliance.
- **Review and Approval of Rules of Order & Procedure:** The Rules of Order from prior year were presented and reviewed. No changes proposed. Motion to approve by Amy, seconded by Scott, unanimously approved.
- **Orientation for new members:** Council members encouraged to use training resources available on USBE website, links will be sent to council members via ParentSquare.

- **Collect council member contact information and set meeting schedule for the year:** List was passed around to verify email address for school website. Meetings for the remainder of the school year are planned as follows:
 - December 4th at 6:00 pm
 - January 16th at 6:00 pm
 - March 5th at 6:00 pm

Review LANDTrust/TSSA Plan Budget Reviews: Audrey gave brief overview of the goals on this year's plan. Still in need of 9th grade aide for support staff as part of our action plan. LANDTrust budget starting balance available was \$201,978.09 with current balance remaining of \$194,606.59. TSSA Plan had a starting balance of \$575,313.50 with current balance remaining of \$553,321.31.

ESL Endorsement Update: Part of our plan includes a stipend for teachers who complete the program to earn their ESL endorsement. There are currently 8 teachers and 1 administrator who already have their endorsement, and one teacher currently in the program to complete the endorsement. Amy said she personally invited all the Language Arts teachers to enroll in the program.

Principal Update

- **Data:** Statistics were shared regarding the number of Multilingual Learner students, broken down through Levels 1-6, with a current total of 176 ML students. It was noted that while the number of ML students has increased significantly in the last few years it is not because of lack of support from the school, it is due to new students moving in to the school boundaries. Comparison of last two years of school report cards was shown.

JSD Strategic Plan/Portrait of a Graduate: Both of these were created by the school district at the end of the last school year. Summary documents for both were shared and council members were encouraged to review the summaries as well as going to school district website for additional details. The pillars of the Strategic Plan include High Quality Instruction, Culture of Belonging, Opportunities for All Learners, Student & Staff Wellness and Effective Communication. The Portrait of a Graduate details a commitment to developing graduates who are curious thinkers, creative problem solvers, engaged citizens, empathetic communicators, resilient lifelong learners and responsible teammates.

District Cell Phone Policy: The pre-existing school cell phone policy was not much different from the new school district cell phone policy that will be effective October 29, 2024. Some changes include a first offense for violating the policy would previously have resulted in the device being held at the teacher's desk, and now the device will be taken to the office to be picked up by the student at the end of the day. Previously students may have been allowed to use phones during free time at the end of a class and this new district policy does not allow for that. With the new district wide policy students may use phones before and after school, during lunch and passing periods only. Niki expressed that the district policy allows for School Community Councils to make additional restrictions if they felt appropriate. Audrey said there have been 14 students that have had phones taken away during the first quarter, some of those students may have had multiple offenses.

Fundraisers: This year's fundraisers will be the same as those carried out last year. They include an SBO fundraiser in the fall to support students in need, World Geography Classes will do a charitable fundraiser called Walk for Water, School Musical ticket and concession sales will be SCC sponsored, Latinos in Action/NJHS will do a charitable fundraiser planned for Spring 2025.

Counseling Update: Megan LeRoy gave an overview of student visits and lessons the counselors have taught in classes so far this year and upcoming lessons planned. November 4th will be the CTE Fair involving a different activity for each grade level. 9th grade students will hear from JATC representatives, 8th grade students will have a digital literacy activity, 7th graders will have a CTSO activity with students from Copper Hills.

Meeting adjourned at 7:24 pm

Motion made by Audrey, seconded by Kristie, unanimously approved