



Sunset Ridge Middle School

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School Community Council Meeting Minutes

January 16, 2025 | 6:00 pm | Sunset Ridge Middle School

Council Members

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

Also in attendance: Erin Barney (school counselor)

Meeting Called to Order at 6:08 pm

ACTION ITEMS:

- **Vote to approve minutes from 10/16/24:** Motion made by Lisa, seconded by Scott, unanimously approved.

Safe Walking Route: Audrey said the school is asking for fresh paint each year on the curb by the bus lane. Kristina mentioned concerns about parking, traffic and kids crossing on Skyline Arch in front of the school during drop-off and pick up. Audrey will talk to the SRO to see what suggestions he thinks would help. Audrey will also make efforts to deter parents from going through the bus lane. Motion to approve safe walking route made by Kristina, seconded by Chelsea, unanimously approved.

Counseling Update: Erin Barney represented the counseling center. Requests for schedule changes just opened yesterday, 300 forms have already been picked up so far. Currently preparing to go into classrooms to discuss course requests with students and making sure skyward is ready to accept the course requests. Will be doing “Fly By” for incoming 7th graders to visit the school. Groups that just started are Stretch and Skills for girls and will be starting a Girls’ Confidence group, there are about 8-10 students in each group. Since the beginning of the school year to now they have completed 5,000 office visits (that includes small groups, parent phone calls, emails, in person student visits, etc). Mental health support visits were 925 of those visits.

Principal's Report

- **District Cell Phone Policy:** Audrey said it is going well. Used to be able to use cell phones during TA with a pass but now that is not an option. There have been a handful of students with recurring violations, so those students are on cell phone probation where the phones get turned in to a vice principal in the morning and picked up after school.
- **Targeted Student Improvement (TSI: Pacific Islanders)/Additional Targeted Student Improvement (ATSI: Students With Disabilities and Multilanguage Learners) Groups:** Plan is to support all learners, using iflight for additional student help. Audrey is concerned the students aren't taking the benchmark tests (that place them in/out of the groups) seriously and instead are rushing through to finish a test so the results may not be an accurate representation of a student's abilities.
- **RISE Data:** There is a 42.5% gap in RISE Testing ELA scores between 7th grade language learners and non-language learners. Audrey gave examples of other gaps among students in other subject areas and other identified groups.
- **Enrollment:** Currently just under 1375 students. Enrollment projections for 2025-56 is 1427 students, for 2026-27 is 1512, 2027-28 is 1562 projected students. Audrey has asked for 2 more portables. Currently there are 443 7th graders which is 101% past the FTEs Audrey was approved to hire for their grade, 474 8th graders which is also 101% past FTEs hired, and 464 9th graders which is 98% of FTEs hired.
- **Nest Fest Fundraiser:** Raised \$3700 that will stay within the school community to help support students in need.

Review LANDTrust/TSSA Plan Budget Reviews: Current year plan has one goal to focus on student growth. All steps to meet the goal have been achieved. Two weeks before the end of the first quarter there were 155 credits with F grades among 9th graders. With intentional effort from the Prevention Specialist (hired partially with LANDTrust funds) that number decreased to 24 failing grades by the end of the quarter. The beginning balance of LANDTrust funds was \$201,978.09 and current balance is \$174,753.18. TSSA beginning balance was \$575,313.50 and current balance is \$536,586.08.

School LANDTrust for 2025-26: Audrey does not think we will need to use funds for purchase of Chromebooks next year because there is enough surplus from this year's purchases. Suggested to keep growth goal the same for next year, which was to increase by 5% the percentage of students achieving typical or above typical growth in Language Arts, Math and Science on the summative Rise and Aspire. Our current estimated funding for the next school year is \$212,615.36 which is an increase of about \$12,000. Audrey will email SCC members data regarding testing growth from this year so we can consider what target to set for next year. Susannah suggested using funding to hire another school counselor. Erin said she has 360 students she oversees, and the recommended national target is 250 students per counselor. The other 3 counselors are each responsible for 343, 331 and 310 students.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm

Motion made by Kristina, seconded by Frances, unanimously approved

Next meeting is March 5, 2025 at 6:00 pm