



Sunset Ridge Middle School

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School Community Council Meeting Minutes

March 5, 2025 | 6:00 pm | Sunset Ridge Middle School

Council Members

First Year of Term

Lisa Eskesen

Kristie Howe

Melissa Foust

Second Year of Term

Kristina Leikam

Kristin Gonzales

Scott Vitale

Chelsea Keith (absent)

Susannah Holden

Principal

Audrey Fish

School Employees (Odd Year Start)

n/a

School Employees (Even Year Start)

Amy Lloyd, Frances Dallons, Amy Feldman (absent)

Also in attendance: Garrett Decker (school counselor), Niki George (JSD School Board), Cody Curtis (JSD Middle School Administrator)

Meeting Called to Order at 6:05 pm

ACTION ITEMS:

- **Vote to approve minutes from 1/16/25:** Motion made by Susannah, seconded by Scott, unanimously approved.

Counseling Update: Garrett Decker represented the counseling center. Their focus recently has been going to elementary schools and helping next year's 7th graders complete their course requests. He said it seems to have gone better this year than prior years and he thinks that is due to having counselors going to the elementary schools in person. Counseling visits YTD is 7,756. Staff from Copper Hills came and helped with 9th grade students' course requests.

Review LANDTrust/TSSA Plan Budget Reviews: Balances and spending are on track to have less than 10% of funds remaining at the end of the school year.

School LANDTrust for 2025-26: Current enrollment is 1368 and projected enrollment for next year is 1447. Kristina asked if plans are being made to help alleviate the continued increase in enrollment. Niki said there are discussions for possible changes, but nothing has been announced yet.

Some data points from 2022, 2023 and 2024 were shared regarding students' growth & proficiency. The projected total budget for next year is \$212,615.36, plus an anticipated \$15,000 that will be carried over from this year's budget. The consensus among council members is to keep the same goal, which is to increase the percentage of students achieving typical or above typical growth in Language Arts, Math and Science on the summative Rise and Aspire by 5%.

Audrey gave an overview of possible action steps and their associated costs. After discussing the benefits, costs, and potential impact of the possible action steps it was determined the majority of funds will be used to pay for additional support staff, specifically in the following areas:

- Additional teachers or pay additional periods in LA, Math, or Science to lower class sizes
- Intervention specialist to support student learning in math classes
- Prevention specialist
- Falcon Success Aide
- Grade level Classroom Assistants
- Additional counselor to lower the caseload per counselor

Remaining funds can be spent to purchase new chromebooks. The anticipated total cost of these steps is \$227,615.36. Kristie motioned to approve the LANDTrust plan as discussed, seconded by Lisa, unanimously approved.

Principal's Report

- **Falcon Success Update:** For February 2025 there were 65 students helped during In School Suspension, lunch detention, and drop ins for help. There were 52 students who came to Friday school during the 2 Friday school days in February. The Falcon Success Aide helped 12 students with goals, through 78 phone calls, and 102 emails. The aide did 44 student visits related to attendance and tardiness. Based on the Q3 midterm numbers there are 102 9th grade students with 150 failing grades, 130 8th grade students with 225 failing grades, and 106 7th grade students with 209 failing grades.

End of Council Year Reminders: Kristina reminded council members who are completing the 2nd year of their term that they will need to reapply to serve on the council next school year. Applications will be due before the school year begins and if elections are needed, they will be held during back to school night.

Meeting adjourned at 7:21 pm

Motion made by Kristie, seconded by Kristina, unanimously approved