

Springville Junior High School

School Community Council

MINUTES

January 17, 2017

3:00–4:25

SJHS Main Office Conference Room

In attendance:

Parent Members

Tamara Gee
Stacey Hatch
Tausha Lewis
Jennifer Roper
John Taylor
Eva Witesman

School Members

Ryan McGuire
Todd Jackson
Emily McBride
Stephanie Riggs

1. Welcome
 - a. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Discussion of goals
 - a. Goal 1
 - i. SUCCESS class
 - ii. Math lab
 - iii. Power hour
 - b. Goal 2
 - i. Hire an intern teacher or additional periods for current teachers
 - ii. Hire a mentor teacher for ½ day to mentor and provide training to new staff (at least 16 teachers in our mentoring program)
 - iii. Proposal to split goal 2 into two goals so we can be more specific in action plan and measurements of success
 - c. Goal 3
 - i. Trainings and professional in-services
 - ii. Substitute teachers

3. Proposal of two new goals
 - a. How to help minority students
 - i. Latinos in Action class
 - ii. How do we get parents to come help represent other demographics?
 1. Idea of inviting parents from LIA if we're not successful in getting anyone on the board
 - iii. Talk about action plan and really pinpoint what some of this problem is
 - b. How to help gifted and talented
 - i. NJHS
 - ii. Honors classes
 1. Biology, math, and English

- 2. Only school teaching Math Honors Plus
 - iii. Immersion
 - iv. We wrote a grant for Gifted and Talented this year, used for:
 - 1. Mock Trial
 - 2. State Math Competition
 - 3. Science Fair
 - v. Way to better advertise, especially scholarship requirements
 - 1. Regents Scholar
 - c. Suggestion to make sure action plan and measurement matches well with
4. Budget discussion
- a. We have been told that we should be getting a 30% increase on funds, but we do need to prepare to cut it back if that funding doesn't come through
 - b. Explanation of how district FTE works
 - c. Technology and sound system--we can do without using trustlands, but we'll want to have a goal written up
 - i. New devices are going to come from textbook money
 - 1. Can replace about 4 or 5 labs per year
 - ii. We are waiting for a sound system bid
 - 1. We could use our student body/activity account
5. Accreditation happening February 22-23
- a. If anyone is available that day, let us know
 - b. We'll send out more information
6. Presenting to school board
- a. We're presenting Wednesday, February 8 (at 6 pm) and we need a member of Community Council to come
 - b. We'll have a presentation
 - c. Eva will present
7. Scheduling changes
- a. Starting next year, students will be strongly encouraged to take a digital media class (in two years it will be required)
 - b. Big pull between career readiness and fine arts, especially with requirements from the state
 - c. Also a problem between dual immersion and fine arts
 - d. Next year kids will have one period of science and one period of English
 - e. The master schedule will start being created this week
 - f. The school board approved the middle school model, pending the approval of the public by passing the bond in November 2017. They would start building the middle schools in 2018: Springville, Mapleton, Salem
 - i. Good to get information to community council about this to help field questions from the community
 - ii. Request to have Ryan pass on more of this information to help mobilize parents. Ryan will send out information about the district bonds.

8. Future meetings

- b. In main office conference room at 3 pm
 - i. **February 27**
 - ii. March 13
 - 1. Council voted to change the meeting from March 20 to March 13, in order to meet in March before the plan is due.
 - iii. April 17
 - iv. *May 15 (if needed)*
- c. Ryan's door is always open. Feel free to come talk to him at any time
- d. Send items for agenda to Emily (emily.mcbride@nebo.edu); give input to chairs (Erin or John) or facilitator (Emily)
- e. Emily McBride will send out agendas a week before and reminders the day of
 - i. Emily will also email reminder about accreditation and school board
- f. Next meeting Tuesday, February 27, at 3:00 pm in the main office conference room

9. Adjournment