

Springville Junior High School

School Community Council

MINUTES

November 21, 2016

3:00–4:05

SJHS Main Office Conference Room

In attendance:

Parent Members

Angie Daybell

Tausha Lewis

Jennifer Roper

John Taylor

Erin Whiting

School Members

Ryan McGuire

Courtney Droz

Emily McBride

Stephanie Riggs

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1. Welcome
 - a. Pledge of Allegiance

 2. Amendment B discussion
 - a. Passed, which means that there is more money available in Trustlands
 - b. As a council, it is good for us to be a voice in the community and understand what is going on
 - c. It's important for us to recognize that this is good as long as there is still money going to the general fund (the WPU)
 - d. Because of this Amendment, we are hoping that we may get some more funds. If so, what do we do with this money?

 3. Advisory
 - a. Advisory came about because of Community Council, character ed, and "Mindful Life"
 - b. We took Quest Time (flex time) out of Friday, and replaced it with an Advisory period. EVERY adult (administrators, counselors, etc.) all have students, which lowered the numbers in each Advisory
 - c. One of the objectives coming across is building relationships
 - d. How advisory is going?
 - i. "Mindful Life" has a great message, but the presentation has left much to be desired. Ryan has communicated with Dave about this, and they are starting to adapt.
 - ii. We've tried to pick a monthly theme for Advisory, tying Mindful Life in once a month instead of every week. We've been supplementing with "Why Try"--a resiliency program.
 - iii. We've also used Advisory for a few things like College Week, Red Ribbon Week, etc.

- iv. It is going okay. We'd like to have a committee of teachers (and maybe some parents) and put together a curriculum for Advisory if we decide to continue it
- v. We want to put together a survey on Advisor for parents, students, and teachers. We're hoping to have this ready for Student-led Conferences in December.
- e. How are we measuring the outcomes of Advisory?
- f. Question about what Quest has become?
 - i. We are currently looking at how to make it more effective, and if it's just "play" time--although there is an argument that social time is also important

4. Ideas for goals this year

- a. Needs:
 - i. Academic areas: lowest in 7th-grade English, high in science, average in math
 - 1. SUCCESS class
 - 2. Math lab
 - 3. Power hour
 - 4. English intern: we will probably not need one next year
 - ii. Teacher shortage in math and resource
 - iii. Next year, the state is adding new curriculum:
 - 1. 7th-grade science will be full year
 - a. We can take away an elective, but instead of doing that, we could get rid of the English pod and just have 1.5 (one period English but a choice with a reading/writing kind of elective)
 - 2. 8th grade taking computer tech out of high school and taking to 8th. It will just be cutting into electives because there aren't really any other options
 - 3. There's also an option for 5x5 sometime in the future, but it's on hold until there is more data.
 - iv. Danger of electives already being hurt by immersion
 - 1. We are having to absorb the FTE because of immersion teacher
 - 2. Ryan's commitment is to provide all of these programs as we have them now
 - 3. Trustlands may be a good resource to help with this problem
 - v. Technology
 - 1. We just ordered two chromebook labs for two science teachers
 - 2. We also just ordered some chromebooks (not out of Trustlands) to start checking out to students
 - 3. Start replacing some of the older chromebooks to maintain them
 - vi. Cafetorium
 - 1. Sound system
 - 2. Risers for fine arts
 - 3. Instruments

5. Future meetings

- a. In main office conference room at 3 pm
 - i. **January 23**

- ii. February 27
- iii. March 20
- iv. April 17
- v. *May 15 (if needed)*

6. For future meetings

- a. Gather data, talk to neighbors--what are some of our needs at SJHS? How can we meet those needs? How can we promote this council as a resource?
 - i. We can include it in the weekly email with council's names and emails
 - ii. We could also include a hand-out on a table at parent teacher conferences next week
- b. Ryan's door is always open. Feel free to come talk to him at any time
- c. Send items for agenda to Emily (emily.mcbride@nebo.edu); give input to chairs (Erin or John) or facilitator (Emily) if a meeting seems to be on a bad day
- d. Emily McBride will send out agendas a week before and reminders the day of
- e. Next meeting Monday, January 23, at 3:00 pm in the main office conference room
 - i. Ryan will bring financial plans for:
 - 1. Chromebooks/technology
 - 2. Intervention
 - 3. Teacher FTE
 - 4. Sound system and cafeteria equipment
 - 5. Flex time and advisory

7. Adjournment