

# Springville Junior High School

## School Community Council

### MINUTES

September 19, 2016

3:00–4:05

SJHS Main Office Conference Room

### In attendance:

#### *Parent Members*

Angie Daybell

Tamara Gee

Stacey Hatch

Tausha Lewis

Jennifer Roper

John Taylor

Erin Whiting

#### *School Members*

Ryan McGuire

Todd Jackson

Emily McBride

Stephanie Riggs

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1. Welcome
    - a. Pledge of Allegiance
    - b. Introductions
    - c. Pledge of Allegiance
    - d. Updated contact information for school website
      - i. Parents may contact council members with items they want brought up in meetings
    - e. Elected Committee Chairs
      - i. Erin Whiting: Chair
      - ii. John Taylor: Vice Chair
  2. Training
    - a. [schoolandtrust.org](http://schoolandtrust.org) includes information and training materials
    - b. State video explaining Community Councils and Trust Lands
  3. Dates for this year
    - i. October 17
    - ii. November 21
    - iii. *December 19 (if needed)*
    - iv. January 23
    - v. February 27
    - vi. March 20
    - vii. April 17
    - viii. *May 15 (if needed--probably lunch)*
  4. State dates required by law
    - a. October 20: Fall report--council membership report, principal assurance form, and report for prior year implementation
    - b. End of March: district due date for spring report, so school board can approve it first (we will check on our March meeting to see if we need to move it up)

- c. Money is distributed to schools from district in about October, after student count is done
    - i. This year student count is about 1126
  - d. To discuss at October meeting: If extra money comes this year, where do we want to put the money (we'll write an addendum).
5. Reviewed current year plan
- a. Goal 1: All students will be taught how to promote a healthy mind and make good decisions through character education programs
    - i. "Mindful Life" to promote healthy mental practices
    - ii. "Especially for Athletes" to combat bullying and promote leadership in student athletes
      - 1. How can we get this better attended?
    - iii. Red Ribbon Week and White Ribbon Week to promote awareness about the dangers of substance abuse and pornography (specifically speakers for assemblies)
      - 1. Speaker coming this Friday, September 23: Josh Drean, former BYU Cosmo
        - a. Parents welcome/encouraged to come! Assembly will be held at 1:45 in the gym
        - b. We will follow up the conversation in our HOPE squad/anti-bullying assembly later in the year
        - c. HOPE squad will also be starting this week, headed by Courtney Droz (counselor)
      - 2. White Ribbon Speaker: Netsmartz (free through the state)
      - 3. How do we measure this? One way is through the SHARP survey, as well as some surveys we are doing along with our school accreditation. We also will look at the logs administrators keep based on issues at the school as a piece of our data.
  - b. Goal 2: School will improve passing rates through the effective use of the SUCCESS class, Math Lab, and Power Lunch programs
    - i. SUCCESS class
      - 1. Identified by intervention team
      - 2. Targeted study hall class
        - a. Currently funding five sections,
        - b. Headed by two techs (Susan Orme and Natalie Davenport)
    - ii. After school Math Lab
      - 1. Headed by Jim Anderson (math teacher)
      - 2. Averaging 10-15 students a day after school
    - iii. Power Lunch
      - 1. Headed by Diane Hamilton (resource teacher)
      - 2. For short-term intervention--not long-term (that would be more of a student success class)
  - c. Goal 3: Improve student access to technology by increasing the number of computers, tablets, and other technologies that ensure students are continuing to develop 21st-century skills needed to compete in a global economy
    - i. Purchase computers to replace non-functioning computers

1. Proposal to district to allow chromebooks to be sold at a reduced cost to students as a way of recycling instead of going through public surplus
2. We have a small set of chromebooks that can be checked out through the library to see if that can help students who don't have access at home
  - ii. Purchase new computers, tablets, etc.
  - iii. Purchase new technology to supplement classroom instruction
- d. Goal 4: Improve academic performance on the SAGE tests by reducing class sizes and providing in-service for teachers and staff
  - i. Hire an intern teacher or additional periods for current teachers within SAGE-tested subjects (math, science, and English)
    1. Hired Devin Jackman for 7th-grade English
  - ii. Provide trainings and professional in-service opportunities for teachers
    1. We'll log what trainings teachers go to (examples: PLC (collaboration) conference, subject-specific conferences)
- e. Teacher shortage!
  - i. We are going to be losing a lot of teachers to retirement. Next year we will need math and history teachers
- f. School report card
  - i. We got a C grade, along with every other junior high in the district besides Mapleton (who got 3% higher)
  - ii. 55%--in the past this has been a B, but they changed the percentage this year (like a bell curve) which puts us to a C, even though it's the same percentage we were at before
  - iii. Report card grade based solely on SAGE scores and participation
    1. 60 kids opted out of SAGE this year--the most we've had
    2. [Data Gateway on USOE site](#)
  - iv. We are doing fine, but how can we do better?
6. Future meetings
  - a. In main office conference room at 3 pm
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    - ii. November 21
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  - b. Need to have 7 meetings at some point throughout the year
7. 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](mailto: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, October 17, at 3:00 pm in the main office conference room
  - i. Discuss extra money (if it comes through)
  - ii. Due date for plan--do we need to move our March meeting?
  - iii. Failing grade data
  - iv. Mindful Life and Advisory
  - v. Include time for comments/questions from the community

8. Adjournment