

MMHS School Community Council

Meeting Minutes

January 15, 2019

3:00 - 4:00 pm

Attending Members: DeAnn Nielsen, Kyra Benson, Jessica Knotts, Jacoy Baird, Laurie Dallon, Emily Gunderson, Christy Nemelka, Jared Massic, Dave Jones, Rachelle Miner, Jenny Beal, Heidi Messenger,

Excused: Denise Brown, Shauna Warnick, Melony Mortensen

Advising and Visiting: Shea Bradshaw (assistant principal), Jeanine Lewis (PTSC president), Jeffrey Nelson (assistant principal), Lorraine Davis (parent)

Minutes: Holly Henderson (facilitator)

- Heidi welcomed everyone; Christy led the pledge
- The PTSC didn't have anything to report
- Shea presented on the school events. The school had all of the district's 4th graders here to participate in the Utah Symphony performance. Winter athletics are in full swing with their region games: basketball, wrestling, swim, indoor track. Theater department is going to a conference at Weber State. Mr. Maple Mountain is coming up on January 30th; the participants will work with FCCLA to do a fundraiser for the FCCLA program. Fine arts honor programs are coming up and Science Olympiad. Parent-Teacher Conference is on February 13th and PTSC will do their Valograms during that week. The Sweethearts dance is February 16th.
- Rachelle shared on comprehensive guidance and the counseling center. The ACT will be on February 26th for all juniors to test at their school. The state will pay for that. Sophomores and seniors do not come to school that day. An online ACT option will be available too. Freshman day is when the 9th grade students come to the high school on March 4th for orientation and begin the registration process. The following Thursday and Friday the high school counselors will go to the junior highs to then conduct registration. Counselors are also starting to meet with the juniors to begin course requests for next year (2018-19). By mid March, the majority of students attending next year will have submitted registration.
- Christy brought up that there were only A day options for registration presentation and students at the ALC may not get an option. Rachelle said that the students can attend another counselors presentation. Rachelle will follow up with the counseling center.
- Class change requests will continue until tomorrow.
- Canvas has a parent view option now. The school will send out more information to parents for how to set that up. Christy brought up that sometimes the emails have too much information to make it helpful. The committee discussed the different feedback the school has received on how they communicate with the stakeholders.
- Shea shared about the school improvement plan. He said the goal today is to look at where we are and where we need to go. In the future we may need to change some of the wording.

Goal #1

- First measurement of success: higher passing rates and lower dropout rates. (see progress report section 1)
- Second: increase enrollment and involvement in honors classes and after school enrichment opportunities.
 - Looking at possibility of adding eleven classes next year
- Third: united philosophy regarding make-up and late work policies.
 - Those teachers that aren't aligned with the department policy still fall within the district policy.
 - The accreditation team intimated that they are looking for more standards-based grades. MMHS grading system is not moving that way but more assessments within the classroom are using that format.
 - Administration and leadership will be looking for more documentation of standards-based teaching and grading.
- Fourth: Grades consistently up to date
 - Expectation is updated weekly

Goal #2 Teacher-led Professional Development to Improve Instruction (see section 2)

- Looking to do more teacher-teacher observations

Goal #3 Building a Community (see section 3)

- Shea feels the school is doing pretty well at making sure that each student has an advocate at the school

Goal #4 Safe School (see section 4)

- Help all students gain access to the Safe Utah App. Shea explained how the Safe UT app works with the school and reporting.
- Admin is looking at how to restructure the attendance policy to be more understandable and user friendly.
- Teachers taking attendance has improved as the school has implemented a daily reminder for teachers.
- The local police departments joined the student council in December to promote seatbelt safety.

- Jeffrey reviewed the district guidelines for snow and inclement weather. Most of the time, if conditions are bad, then the school will do a delayed start. Since the district is geographically large, changes in school schedules are determined on a school basis. Parents and students will be notified around 6:00 - 7:00 am. Announcements will also be posted on the school district website at nebo.edu. The expectations for employees is that they will be at work. There is interest in putting in a crosswalk in front of the school. The city has been contacted through the district and a parent petition may be going around.

- Jeffrey also covered the different evacuation locations the school uses. If the student body had to leave the campus then the students would go to Sierra Bonita Elementary. He also explained more about the mock disaster assembly planned for May. For the seatbelt activity in December, MMHS had about 80% of students using their seat belts.
- Heidi wrapped up the meeting and got volunteers for the next meeting on Tuesday, February 19th.

Pledge: Jacoy

Thought/Prayer: Shauna