

Salem Jr. Nov 8, 2018 SCC Minutes

In attendance:

Rebecca Devenport, Kim Stewart, Keri Measom, Rachelle Jackson, Cameo Johnson, Dave Knudsen, Cecily Yeager

Not in attendance:

Michael Stone

**Cecily, Cameo, and Keri were late to the meeting due to another meeting, so we reversed the agenda.*

Review School SAGE Data (Dave)

- Dave reviewed the SAGE data from 2018-18. Language Arts showed 50% proficiency overall, which was higher than the district and state proficiency levels. Math was 48%, which was also higher than the district and state proficiency levels. Science, however, was 39%, which was lower than both the district and state proficiency levels.
- Rebecca asked what the percentage of students that are proficient on the Science test would look like if we looked at just Biology since we have such a large number of Biology students in the district. Dave will get those numbers.

Review Trustlands Budget (Dave)

- This year we have approximately \$117,667.39 with \$2,287.90 carryover for a total of \$119,955.29.

Start Reviewing Trustlands [School Improvement Plan 2018-19](#) (Dave)

- Dave reviewed each of the goals and the amount allocated with each goal
- Dave asked if parents had other concerns. He discussed new flex schedule (Olympic Time). He pointed out that at the end of last year 1st term there were 89 F's, this year 1st term 26 F's. Dave thought maybe they were all D's instead, but last year there were 360 D's at the end of first term, this year there were 211, so he was pleased to see those results. The council agreed that those were good results, as well.
- Keri asked about what is happening on a staff development level related to anxiety and depression, or what is helping our 7th graders feel okay about themselves. Dave said we do need to address it. Dave talked about Heart of the Spartan and PBIS. Keri explained that she doesn't always feel like her kid is getting that from teachers. The council discussed that teachers are like doctors in the sense that they should have good bedside manner, but in a school of 1100, you may catch an off day. Dave apologized but asked that parents let us know when they have concerns like that so we can address them.

Comprehensive Guidance (Cameo)

- Cameo reviewed the roles of school counselors and their review process. They will do another needs assessment in May 2019 for their state assessment in fall of 2019. Parents complete a needs assessment survey – only 75 parents filled it out last time. Cameo explained the requirements of the review. Dropout prevention is part of their focus, which Youth Support and the trackers help them to tackle. Only 3 ninth graders had F's at the end of 1st term this year, which is a great improvement from last year. The council was surprised by such an improvement.
- Rebecca asked about the SafeUT app and where messages go. Cameo explained that the administrative team

and counselors all receive the messages and explained some scenarios that she has seen where she contacted parents.

- Cameo discussed PBIS lessons. Keri asked what PBIS stood for (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Support).
- Cameo explained the previous data project (drop-out prevention) and their current data project (addressing our minority group lack of proficiency on end-of-level tests). Counselors took students to a multi-cultural conference and had students complete surveys before and after regarding their self-image. They will continue to work with this demographic throughout the year.
- As an advisory committee, the SCC can give suggestions to the counseling office on what they would like to see happen.

College pennants (Cameo)

- We are looking at changing how we do college pennants. They were originally hot glued to the bricks above teachers' doors, but enough teachers have changed that when they get pulled down, they will rip. We'd like to do something that is easier for teachers to move so that the custodians don't have to be involved. 58 teachers need new pennants. It will cost about \$345. We'll have teachers put new ones inside the room and put them up in an easy manner to move them for when teachers switch rooms or leave the school. The counselors are looking for permission from the SCC to purchase more pennants.
- Do we want to take it out of Trust Lands or out of Admin? Dave pointed out that we would have to amend Trust Lands, so he will just take the money from Admin. We discussed that parents like the culture of college banners. Keri suggested a great way to involve parents would be to have them donate a banner from a college that they are from. We could
- Cameo talked about changing from college week to career week this year as an alternative. This will set us up on a 3-year rotation of activities. This way, kids will have a different experience each year they are here.

Any items for next month's agenda?

- Dave suggested that we start on School Improvement plan for next year
- Keri suggested giving every teacher a \$100 dollar gift card! (If we had the money, which we don't!)
- Terry expressed appreciation for Munchie Mondays from PTA