

Salem Junior High School Community Council Minutes
November 9, 2023

TERM	NAME	POSITION	PRESENT
Principal	Keith Richards	Voting School Member	X
3rd Year	Cameo Johnson	Voting School Member	X
2nd Year	Joanna Wilkins	Parent Member	X
2nd Year	Melissa Draper	Parent Member	X
2nd Year	LaVera Brown	Parent Member	X
1st Year	James Wilhelm	Parent Member	X
Asst. Principal	Emily Hiatt	Non-voting Member	X
Facilitator	Chris Killpack	Non-voting Member	X

District Superintendent SCC Rep Meeting Report

Information from the 10/25/23 meeting with superintendent staff was reviewed by the council. Topics included growing enrollment; new high school construction; district financing of capital improvements beyond what the 2017 bond provided; legislative impact; effect of full day kindergarten; school safety.

Sharp Survey Results

Reviewed the results obtained from the most recent SHARP survey in 2023. Data covered included drug use and perception of drug use (including tobacco, marijuana, inhalants, alcohol, and prescription drug); school environment and safety (including bullying, suspensions, weapons, and perception of school work); mental and emotional health; and health habits and risk factors. Items that were of high concern for the council included the nearly 100% student perception of parent disapproval for unhealthy or risky behaviors among teens, but only 26% of parents who speak more than once at home about those dangers; the biggest concern in the school environment as perceived by students is 66% of students worry about student suicide; and 35% of students reporting they have access to guns or ammunition in the home stored in plain sight, or locked but where the student can still access.

The council agreed that sharing this information with parents would be important and helpful. Proposed that a link to the slide show be emailed as well as a bullet point item list of the most concerning data.

School Improvement Plan Proposals

Current improvement plan was reviewed and council members were encouraged to return next meeting with suggestions on what to keep in the plan for next year and what components to add to the plan. The concern was shared that they may need more information to make the best recommendations. The administrators will go into depth with the current programs next meeting and will share 2 to 3 concerns for the school that they feel should be addressed. Following this discussion, the council will make recommendations for the plan.

January's Agenda: Proposals for next year's plan