

**Salem Junior High School Community Council Minutes**  
**February 08, 2024**

<b>TERM</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>POSITION</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>
Principal	Keith Richards	Voting School Member	X
3rd Year	Cameo Johnson	Voting School Member	
2nd Year	Joanna Wilkins	Parent Member	
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

**Report on Governor's Letter and Cell Phone Use in School**

Letter and school policy were reviewed. James notes that there is sufficient data to support the Governor's proposal of limiting phones in classrooms. LaVera shares support for the school's current implementation of the district policy, sharing support for the oversight that teachers currently have in the classroom. Melissa is in favor of classroom bans of phones, also noting that the Governor's letter suggested efforts to educate parents of the data regarding student distraction from phones at school.

**School Improvement Plan Proposal**

Last year science improved close to ten percent on end of level tests. English and Math had a slight increase in student scores. School's improvement goal is proposed to remain the same focus, to increase student scores on the end of level tests. An overview of the past spending and rules for no more than 10% carryover was reviewed. Expenditures of professional development and some salary costs will be considered as well as the cost for updating Chromebooks. James notes that the proposed plan looks like it is meeting the requisites for the goal.

Vote is taken to approve the proposed plan. The vote is unanimous in favor of approving the plan.

**Items from the council**

Conversation ensued regarding the approachability of the administration and office staff at the school to support students.

**March's Agenda: Safe Walking Routes**