

Salem Junior High School Community Council Minutes
April 11, 2024

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

Wellness Report

Tiersa Ward presents on behalf of the school regarding the wellness report. Wellness of school, students and employees are reviewed. Our school motto is Spartan strong in body, heart, and mind. We want to maintain that in the decisions we make. In health classes, we focus more each year on mental health and challenges associated therein. Stress management and eating healthy are also targeted, as well as addiction and other abusive behaviors. Faculty has also been trained in approaches toward vaping prevention.

In PE, there are a variety of sports that are introduced. Mrs. Brunson focuses every Monday on different types of movements as well as meditation and relaxation techniques. With team sports we do basketball, wrestling, cross country and track, as well as an option for weight lifting clubs or after school programs. As a faculty we have a teacher who manages a Zumba class after school once a week for interested teachers.

Counselors reported on mental health approaches for student instruction. Sources of Strength is the curriculum used to support student well-being. There is a female group for wellness that is run by the social worker intern. Teachers also get a chance a few times a month to get together after school to visit and share time with each other. The district offers monthly wellness campaigns for employees that our school participates in. Our school also has a vision and curriculum team that supports teachers in best practices for classroom management and pedagogy.

Things that may need improvement include finding non-food rewards for students and more movement for students in classrooms.

Council Signature Form

Council members James Wilhelm and LaVera Brown, not present at the last meeting, are given the opportunity to review the council signature form and indicate their involvement in the decision-making process for the school improvement plan.

SCC Next Year

James and Joanna are planning on continuing on the council next year. James shares that he will feel comfortable giving more input next year with some experience. Lavera shares that a message on the website could explain that parents can reach out to council members to share their voice through the SCC. Discussion ensues regarding involving parents in the nomination and election process next year as well.