

Salem Junior High School Community Council Minutes
September 12, 2024

TERM	NAME	POSITION	PRESENT
Principal	Keith Richards	Voting School Member	X
4th Year	Cameo Johnson	Voting School Member	X
2nd Year	Joanna Wilkins	Parent Member	
2nd Year	James Wilhelm	Parent Member	X
1st Year	Sarah Hixson	Parent Member	X
1st Year	Missy Beutler	Parent Member	X
Asst. Principal	Emily Hiatt	Non-voting Member	
Facilitator	Chris Killpack	Non-voting Member	X

Introductions

Council members introduced themselves and shared their experience with community councils and what they are looking for with participation this year.

Rules of Order and Procedure:

The proposed rules of order and procedure were evaluated by the council and adopted to be added to the school website. A couple of points were added: Community members are always welcome to attend SCC meetings but to address the council, they need to contact the chair or facilitator a week or more prior to the meeting. James wondered if there is a way to garner more public involvement in SCC meetings and Keith noted that we can advertise each month in the school newsletter.

Voting:

Missy nominates James to be the council chair for the year. Cameo seconds the motion and the voting was unanimous. Cameo was nominated for vice-chair by Missy and James seconds the motion. Voting was also unanimous in favor of that motion.

Chair: James Wilhelm

Co-chair: Cameo Johnson

SCC Packet Review: Digital docs of member roster, rules of order and procedure, and the school improvement plan were reviewed by the council. Keith reviewed the improvement plan budget and answered questions from Sarah regarding the role of math lab for this year.

Sources of Strength: Cameo presented an overview of the Sources of Strength program for the year. This program meets the districts criteria for prevention specialist and suicide prevention programs for the school. It takes the place of Hope Squad, involves 80 students (20 from Valley View Middle) to promote peer support and suicide prevention strategies school-wide.

Sarah asks for clarification on the role of student leaders in the program. They meet once a month to help plan upcoming activities and act as peer support in the role of the discontinued Hope Squad.

SCC Training:

State of Utah SCC training video was viewed and discussed by the council. The proposed timeline of agenda items for the year will be shared with James.

Next Month's Agenda:

The council will review school safety measures and digital citizenship programs at next month's meeting.