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School Community Council Agenda: March 15, 2022

Welcome: Laura Olsen

- Excused: Preston
- Welcome our new member, Aly Dart! (We are finally complete as a council 😊)

Review of Previous Minutes/Announcements: Seth Spainhower

- Previous minutes and agendas on the school website <https://sfhs.nebo.edu/content/community-council>
- ACT Test report and Aspire Plus Test coming up for Sophomores
 - Tested 441 out of 475 juniors! (Make-up day is this Wednesday, the 16th)
 - Aspire Plus Test will be administered over multiple days, April 21st-29th
- Email from state verifying membership and participation in SCC- Please sign ASAP

Thought: TBA

Health and Wellness Report/Discussion: Melanie Peterson

- Go over district wellness information
- Focusing on the overall health for students, faculty, and community as a whole

Trustlands Plan Proposal/Vote: Matt Christensen

- Proposing to keep this year's plan similar to last year's like we've discussed
 - These goals fulfil the needs of what our academic data tells us
 - Using most of our funds for Chromebooks and teacher salaries to keep class sizes down
 - Using a little more for teacher salaries, and less for Chromebooks due to other funding opportunities

Teacher and Student Success Plan (TSSP): Seth Spainhower (This might need to get pushed to April's meeting)

- What are the greatest needs for our students? Teachers?
- What could we do at SFHS to facilitate more success in these areas?

Counseling Update: Dawn Draper

- Finalizing registration this week
- Local scholarships now available for seniors
- Scholarships Assembly May 17th

Assignments:

- Next meeting April 19th
- Thought:



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Minutes:

The meeting began at 11:35. Shannon and Preston were not able to attend. Laura began the meeting by welcoming our newest member, Aly Dart. We are grateful to her for volunteering to fill a vacancy in our council.

Seth then reviewed February's minutes. Josh made a motion to approve the minutes, Ellie seconded the motion, all were in favor to approve. Seth also gave a quick recap on our ACT test day for juniors. After the make-up test, we officially tested 451 out of 475 juniors. This was a great success. He also announced that we will be administering the Aspire Plus test to our sophomores. Some details included were we are testing over multiple days this year. We will test the last 2 weeks of April.

Dawn gave our thought this week. She talked about being kind to people and how important it is to learn how to socially interact with people. We are all diverse and we have a social obligation to respect everyone!

Melanie Peterson joined our council today to discuss our Health and Wellness Plan for students and faculty. She is our building specialist that helps keep these programs in compliance and operating smoothly. Some of the information she shared about our students' wellness included: variety of health/physical education classes offered, advisory period, life management class, sensory room, counselors and our TLC list. She also discussed how our school follows all federal health guidelines for the food served in our cafeteria as well as our vending machines. For employee wellness she discussed the following: virgin pulse program, district health guidelines and requirements, counseling services through Bloomquist Hale, and our district wellness specialists.

Matt then went over the proposed Trustlands plan that we have been vetting out as a council. This year he proposed spending approximately \$180,000 on teacher salaries (3 teachers), and around \$20,000 for student Chromebooks with these funds. This helps us achieve our goals and benefit student learning. The council voted on the plan. We received 11 in-person approval votes, and 0 disapproved. All were in favor, no one apposed.

Dawn then gave us the counseling update. They are finalizing registration this week. It was really nice to have only one junior high this year! She also reported on the many different scholarship opportunities that are available to our students and their respective deadlines. Most of these scholarships are due on April 15th. She also announced our scholarship assembly that will be held on May 17th @ 9 AM.

The council then had a group discussion about our TSSP Plan (teacher and student success plan). Needs for students and teachers were discussed. Some of the issues brought up included: offering more foreign language classes, keeping class sizes down, focusing on mental health, getting back to "normal" after COVID with attendance and work habits, etc. The group discussed how this is a very hard line to follow and that finding a balance is the key. Teachers are doing everything they can to accommodate kids, but it can sometimes feel like they are teaching an in-person class, and an online class due to how many people are missing school. Attendance is a very real struggle and recent legislation is making it harder for schools to have any discipline attached to it. Parents brought up how their students are learning the "system" and which teachers/classes they need to attend, and which classes they can miss often and still get good grades. This is a hard system to balance even with parents. Some parents want teachers to hold the line more firm, while others want it more loose. We don't want school to feel like a prison, but we also want high expectations. Finding that balance is crucial, and COVID has definitely thrown a wrench in these topics. Some feel like it would be easier if there was more consistency across teachers/classes on what the expectations are, while others see value in meeting each kid where they are personally.

The meeting ended at 12:18. Jami made the motion to close the meeting, Dawn seconded the motion, all were favor.

Farris volunteered to give our thought in April.