



# *Here, We Learn for LIFE*

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## **School Community Council Agenda: October 19, 2021**

### **Welcome: Laura Olsen**

- Welcome first-time council members
- Excused/Absent:

### **Review of Previous Minutes & Website Review: Seth Spainhower**

- Previous minutes and agendas on the school website [sfhs.nebo.edu/content/community-council](https://sfhs.nebo.edu/content/community-council)

### **Thought: Jami Branch**

### **Advisory Report and Explanation: Josh Jensen**

- Logistics of our Advisory Period
- Life lessons vs. check-up days
- Philosophy and “why” behind Advisory

### **Counseling Update: Dawn Draper:**

- UCAW feedback
- Transcript submissions
- Upcoming counseling plans
- New Instagram presence @sfhs\_counseling

### **2021-2022 School Improvement Plan Review: Matt Christensen**

- Link found on school website [sfhs.nebo.edu/content/community-council](https://sfhs.nebo.edu/content/community-council)

### **Group Discussion Topics:**

- Identify school’s greatest academic needs
- How will we know if these needs are met?
- How do we plan to improve?
- How will we spend the School LAND Trust distribution to implement our plan?



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## Minutes:

The meeting started at 11:35, Amberly, Chad, and Wendy did not attend. Laura Olsen welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Seth Spainhower reviewed the previous minutes. Laura Olsen made a motion to approve the minutes and Dawn Draper seconded the motion to approve last month's minutes. Everyone was in favor. Seth also went over the website and the required postings to make sure everyone on the council was familiar with the site and required information. Matt Christensen also went over our School Improvement Plan for the year while we had it pulled up on the website. Our goal through this council is to make sure these plans go into effect and that we follow through with our intentions.

Josh Jensen then reviewed the advisory period that we introduced to our school this year. He first broke down the logistics of advisory. Each student is assigned an advisory period each Monday. This class period is 30 minutes long every Monday. Research shows that students who have positive adult connections are more likely to succeed in many different areas. One of our end-of-year surveys showed us having too many students who didn't feel connected to anyone at school. This advisory period can help facilitate those connections. There isn't an academic curriculum to cover, but attendance is taken. The class is used for a time that teachers can have conversations with students about how they are doing in school and with life in general. We also teach character ed lessons through a school-wide Canvas course to help reiterate our school vision of "here, we learn for LIFE (learn, interact, focus, empower)." Dawn shared the counseling input and how helpful it is on their end. Teachers are able to connect with kids and let the counselors know of issues that they may be struggling with. Ellie Haskell also pitched in with teacher perspective. She has loved the opportunity to connect with kids and have dedicated time once a week to just make sure that our students are taken care of academically and with their overall well-being. Matt talked about connections with kids. Connections and check-ins are one way we can help students grow and be successful.

Jami Branch then gave our thought from Ralph Waldo Emerson. It was: "You cannot do a kindness too soon, for you never know how soon it will be too late." She felt like this represented everything we are trying to do with advisory and just helping people through life by caring for them and being kind!

Dawn then gave us a counseling update. She first reported on Utah College Application Week. Multiple colleges came, free applications were filled out all week, and it was a huge success overall. The counseling webpage has more information on where to send transcripts and how to do it, etc. We also held our annual FASFA Night. We had about 35 students/families come and we also had some Spanish speakers there to assist as needed. Jami said how helpful FASFA night was and having representatives there to help was a major plus. Dawn also discussed the counselors plans with registration. They have some new ideas in place to help it run smoother and more effectively. They will be handing out course booklets and helping students set up their academic plans in the classrooms with teachers. Laura asked if parents can ever change schedules. At this time, Infinite Campus does not allow this to take place. Class changes are always on the phone now in the summer. Seth brought up how we will be having graduation at UVU for sure this year.

The meeting ended at 12:20. Laura made the motion to end the meeting and Jamie seconded the motion to end. Everyone was in favor.