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School Community Council Agenda: November 15th, 2022

Welcome: Jami Branch

- Brief Introductions
 - New community member: Shanni Call
- Excused: Alex Minson, Shannon Bennett, Emily

Review of Previous Minutes: Seth Spainhower

- Previous minutes and agendas on the school website <https://sfhs.nebo.edu/content/community-council>

Thought: TBA

- Tree fest information and holiday cheer!

Term 1 Success/Highlights: Seth & Matt

- Honor Roll Information
 - 845 students made Honor Roll! (302 perfect 4.0, 323 w/ 3.75-3.99, and 220 w/ 3.50-3.74)
 - 1515 total students- 56% on the Honor Roll
- F Data
 - 694 F grades
 - Last year's average per term was 578
- Working on new attendance and academic standards in classrooms
 - Piloting new practices

Group Discussion: Parents and Teachers

- 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?

SCC Procedures for Public Attendance/Participation: Seth

- Open meetings with no comments allowed?
 - Comments could be referred to administration and/or board meetings
- Open meetings with public comments allowed?
 - Parameters, expectations, and norms

Counseling Update: Dawn Draper

- College Tours



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Minutes/Assignments:

The meeting began at 11:50. Shanni Call was introduced in her first meeting as a new member. Alex, Shannon, Emily, and Ally were not in attendance.

Seth reviewed the previous minutes from October's meeting. Farris made a motion to approve the minutes, Dawn seconded the motion, all were in favor.

Kaylee shared a thought and advertisement for our upcoming Tree Fest Event at SFHS. Kaylee organizes this event and it's a wonderful thing for our school. Different clubs and organizations around our school and community donate and decorate Christmas trees and other décor items. They are displayed in our commons area and then an online silent auction is held to purchase trees or other items. All of the money raised goes to scholarships for SFHS students. What is great about these scholarships is that they typically go to students who may not qualify for any other scholarships but have post high school plans for schooling. We love this event and want it to grow every year! Trees will be set up by November 30th and on Display until December 10th. Bidding is open from December 7th-10th and closes at 8 PM on the 10th. There is a public viewing from 6-8 PM on the 10th as well.

Seth and Matt then reviewed our Term 1 successes and highlights. You can see data on the agenda above. The interesting note is that we had more honor roll students than ever, but also more F grades given. This is an interesting dynamic and we hope to diagnose why these trends are happening and make data-based decisions to better the education process at SFHS. Matt reported some new strategies we are implementing due to goals of our vision committee. We are doing our best to track attendance of our students, especially students involved with extracurriculars, but we want to add grade tracking to this as well. Our goal is to create higher accountability throughout the term with both attendance and grades. We are hoping this reduces stress and last-minute procrastination/obligations for both teachers and students.

The council then had a group discussion about a new hot topic that is going around. More and more people are feeling the need to show up to board meetings and schools to address concerns or ask questions. Sometimes these intentions are good and productive, and other times the intentions seem really negative and counterproductive. As a council we discussed what our norms and procedures should be in the event we have someone wanting to address our council. All school community council meetings are open to the public, but that does not mean they are open for public comment. As a council, we decided that we are fine with having anyone attend our meetings and be a listening spectator. If someone wants to address the council, they need to submit a proposal to the SCC facilitator for review. If approved by the council, we will allow the person to present information. During the proposal review, it will also be determined whether or not the council will engage in a conversation with the person. It will most likely not happen, rather be structured like board meeting where someone can address the board with no comments being returned. Seth is going to draft this procedure up for December's meeting. If/when approved by the council, he will add it to our Rules of Order and Procedure.

Dawn gave a counseling update. College tours have been a success and we had many students take advantage of these opportunities. We are approaching course selection time for students and we are constantly working to enhance this procedure. We have many charitable giving opportunities going on at our school this time of year and our counselors are working hard to provide for our families in need. We have the Warm the Soles program with Nebo Credit Union, the Hope Squad Giving Tree, Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners, SFHS food pantry, E4A Christmas meals, and of course Tree Fest. There are so many great people doing everything they can to help our students and community!

The meeting ended at 12:27. Dawn made a motion to close the meeting, Brett seconded the motion, all were in favor to close.

Ally Dart was assigned the thought for December's meeting.