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School Community Council Approved Minutes:

September 22, 2020

Meeting began @ 11:07 AM

Seth conducted the meeting. All were in attendance except for Rochelle Barber. We also had Shauna Warnick attend the meeting.

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Seth then shared the Purpose and Philosophy behind School Community Councils from the Nebo School District SCC handbook. He then shared the thought written in the Agenda and talked about the main goal behind SCC is to do what's best for kids, improve the educational experience, and help them be successful.

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Seth then walked the council through the website and available SCC resources. The council then watched a training video found on the link provided in the agenda that gave a great introduction and training about school community councils.

At the end of the meeting, the council elected a Chair, and Co-Chair. Heidi Conway motioned that Jami Branch be the Chair and Chad Gwilliam seconded the motion. Heidi Conway then motioned that Chris Bronson be the Co-Chair and Chad Gwilliam seconded the motion again. The council voted all in favor of the Chair and Co-Chair selections.

Meeting was adjourned @ 11:42 AM

Assignments:

Luke Isley- Thought for October meeting

Seth Spainhower- Put the last 3 years Trust Land reports and School Improvement Plan on the SCC tab of website

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October 20, 2020

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November 17, 2020

The meeting began at 11:11 AM and Jami Branch Conducted. Rochelle Barber, Lisa Olsen, and Gaye Christiansen were not in attendance.

Seth Spainhower reviewed the minutes from October's meeting. Heidi Conway made a motion to approve the minutes and Chris Bronson seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Preston Parrish shared a thought about a quote he has always enjoyed about the amazing things that people can accomplish when they don't want credit for it. It is very applicable to education and extracurricular activities.

Seth Spainhower facilitated a data review. As a group we discussed honor roll information, ACT scores, F grade data, and COVID recovery efforts. We also went over how these data points pertain to our TSSA goals and how we use our funding to support our goals in these areas.

During our data discussion we also covered some of our topic questions as listed on the agenda. We discussed our school's academic needs, how we are tracking if they are met, and how we plan to improve. We discussed in detail helping our students who are receiving F grades and scoring below 18 on the ACT. We also went over our Don Hour and how we can use this time for intervention. Attendance issues and needs were also discussed. We are hopeful that having a new attendance policy in place for Term 2 will help students be more successful.

Sharla Barber then gave her counseling review. They have been spending a lot of time helping seniors get their transcripts ready for college applications and scholarships. Our mental health focus is still going strong and she discussed the emotional regulation practices they are using including meeting with students, our DBT group, and social workers. She discussed the increase in new student enrollments and remote learning data. She also mentioned how much the counseling department has enjoyed teaching in Josh Jensen's life management class. They have been focusing on building positive relationships, gratitude, and participating in activities associated with the 'Happiness Advantage' from Shawn Achor.

Heidi Conway made a motion to end the meeting and Laura Olsen seconded the motion. All were in favor. The meeting ended at 11:55 AM

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December 15, 2020

The meeting began at 11:10 AM and Jami Branch conducted. Chad Gwilliam, Brett Bills, and Lisa Olsen were not in attendance.

Seth Spainhower reviewed the minutes from November's meeting. Heidi Conway made a motion to approve the minutes and Lucas Isley seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Matt Christensen gave a thought on gratitude towards our council members and passed out their Christmas gifts. Our floriculture classes made them flower arrangements and our Pro-Start club made them treat bags. Matt also announced our new assistant principal, Bart Thompson, due to Jo Lynn getting appointed to Mapleton Junior High.

Seth Spainhower then reviewed our school and district policies/procedures regarding technology usage, safety, and digital citizenship. Our school has transitioned into remote and blended learning very well due to us already having the 1-1 program in place. Our teachers do a great job at implementing effective technology tools in the classroom that benefit student learning. We talked about how our district officials do a great job at updating policies and norms that provide our students with the best, and safest instructional opportunities as possible. Many of our teachers also utilize digital citizenship teaching opportunities and help our kids understand proper etiquette and safety practices. The group discussed our shared concerns of not having ALL of our students engaged in remote learning during this challenging pandemic.

As we group we then discussed the 5x5 schedule. This was a planting of the seed and starter discussion and one that we will continue having in future meetings. As a school we are looking at our practices and norms and making sure they are what's best for kids. We want to make sure the 5x5 is the best thing for our school if we keep it going, or look at other options like the 4x4 to see if it would be better. Many pros and cons were discussed as a group including: variety of classes offered, some use more TA, PE, or study hall classes than academic classes, it makes it easier to take sport specific classes or other focused areas, jumpstart into college with many CE classes taken, allows for double blocking situations, more work and students for teachers, some programs dwindling, time and logistics of classes, etc. Overall it seemed like the parent group was more in favor of keeping the 5x5 but cognizant of the need to have more students take advantage of its benefits.

Preston Parrish brought up a great point about how our top 20-30% of kids will do great in any situation they are in. 5x5, 4x4, at-school learning, remote learning, and so forth. It's that middle group of kids who we really need to reach out to and help. What is best for this group? What can we do to help this group succeed? It's not that the other groups aren't important, but they are usually in more control of their situation and need less assistance in the process.

Heidi Conway made a motion to end the meeting which was seconded by Rochelle Barber. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 12:08 PM.

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January 19, 2021

Meeting began at 11:07 AM and Jami Branch conducted. Gaye Christianson was not in attendance.

Seth Spainhower reviewed the minutes from December's meeting. Heidi Conway made a motion to approve the minutes and Rochelle Barber seconded the motion. All were in favor. Bart Thompson was introduced and welcomed to our school as our new Assistant Principal.

Seth then reviewed SFHS's current TSSA Plan and Trustlands Plan for the 2020 school year as seen on the agenda above. We discussed how this year's plan will be due in March. We will use this meeting and February's meeting to get that plan ready. Our administration suggested keeping our plan fairly similar to this year's due to all of the COVID-19 changes and implementations. We want to make sure we give this plan an honest effort and focus.

Matt Christensen then explained to the council what the new COVID-19 option of "Testing to Stay" would look like. If our school has too many positive cases, we will no longer have the alternate day schedule option. Instead, we will implement the test to stay option or go completely remote for 2 weeks. Test to stay requires that at least 70% of our student population takes a covid test. Those who test positive or don't test will stay home, and those who test negative can stay in school. We discussed the logistics of this option and what it would take to pull off testing over 1,000 students. This option also requires students having a signed parent/guardian permission form. We discussed ways for this to go as smoothly as possible. The council asked if we could send this consent form out early in efforts to avoid having to rush and get these in if our school goes over the threshold. They also wanted to know if parents could help with the testing process and procedures.

Seth then introduced a brainstorming assignment for next month's meeting. We are trying to help our student council and other student body members come up with safe, fun, and COVID-19 friendly activities. We are trying to help our students have as many positive experiences as possible but also want to do everything we can to follow the guidelines and regulations associated with the pandemic. We asked the council to think of fun activities for our students to participate in. Activities where we can social distance and keep our masks on.

Sharla Barber then gave a quick counseling update. They have been very busy helping our students finalize their schedules and making class changes. Most of our seniors who are wanting to attend college in the fall have been registered and are now applying for scholarships. Our parent council members brought up questions about graduation and are wondering what it will look like this year. We will continue that discussion in next month's meeting.

The meeting ended at 11:37 AM and Heidi Conway made a motion to end the meeting then Rochelle Barber seconded the motion. All were in favor.

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February 16, 2021

Meeting began at 11:12- Chris made a motion to open the meeting, and Luke seconded, all in favor.

Jamie Branch and Laura Olsen were our only parent members in attendance.

Jumped right into our graduation discussion. General consensus was to go virtual and have car parade. This group believes this option was most desirable. It was decided that senior students and parents should have an opportunity to vote on a virtual/car parade hybrid or to go to the fair grounds. If virtual, possibly let families come see the virtual speeches, maybe broadcast out the night before instead of the same day.

Seth then reviewed the minutes. Chris made a motion to approve the minutes, Anne seconded minutes approval motion.

Seth gave a review of our gifted and talented students, programs, and clubs.

We then had a group discussion on what is safe for our kids to do. Indoor dances are not approved yet. Hide and seek outside game was brought up by Anne's students. Scooter ride date activity with different booths. Ball room dancing. Test to dance possibilities for a future real prom.

Matt then led a quick Trustland funds discussion and plan approval. Using it for mostly Chromebook's and using teacher FTE to reduce class sizes. This is helping us reach our goals.

Matt reviewed our school construction plans and gave us a construction update.

Sharla introduced Monica our counseling intern and talked about registration.

Meeting ended 11:52, Jamie motioned to close meeting, Laura seconded the motion. All were in favor.

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March 23, 2021

Meeting began at 11:07- Lisa Olsen and Luke Isley were not in attendance.

Seth Spainhower reviewed the previous minutes. Heidi Conway made a motion to approve the minutes and Roshelle Barber seconded to motion. All were in favor.

Seth Spainhower gave a quick report on our school's recent ACT Test day for junior students. We tested around 420 students and the test ran really smooth. The ACT Aspire Plus test for our sophomore students will be administered the first week of May.

Matt Christensen then reviewed our Trustlands Goals about increasing our assessment scores and reaching our diverse student groups. He proposed that we follow through and approve the council's plan to use Trustlands funds for teacher salaries and purchasing Chromebooks. With these funds we are able to pay for 2.5 teacher salaries, we always use our new hires to be cost efficient, and 177 new Chromebooks. This helps create smaller class sizes, provides each student with learning tools for success, and overall helps us achieve our goals. Heide Conway made a motion to approve the proposed Trustlands plan and Anne Brown seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Seth Spainhower then gave a quick vision committee report. We have been working on plans and revisiting our school's mission and core beliefs. These plans are really 3-5 years out and we are a couple years into the process. Seth presented our school mission as "Here, We Learn for LIFE" and discussed how our vision team has broke down "LIFE." The vision committee came up with this acronym: Learn, Interact, Focus, and Empower. Our new school graphic with this mission/vision was presented to the group as well. Preston Parrish, a vision committee representative, discussed how this process will help all students, faculty, and guardians see the "why" behind what our vision is. As a group we discussed how to help all stakeholder groups have buy-in with these concepts. Our vision committee has spent hours upon hours, month after month working with their department, seeking teacher input, and organizing all of the thoughts into this new concept and visual. We are very excited for the opportunities that having a clearer vision will bring!

As a group we discussed our graduation plan and stakeholder survey results. The results voted in favor of holding our graduation at the Spanish Fork Fairgrounds so that is our plan moving forward. As of right now, each graduate is allowed up to 4 guests but that number could change as COVID-19 guidelines change.

Sharla Barber then gave a counseling update and discussed graduation ideas. We want to try and incorporate as many of our student organizations as possible and make graduation a really authentic experience. They have also been very busy getting our seniors ready for graduation and registering our current juniors for next school year.

Our meeting ended at 11:48. Jami Branch made a motion to close the meeting and Heidi Conway seconded the motion. All were in favor.

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April 20, 2021

The meeting began at 11:08. Jami Branch and Anne Brown were not in attendance.

Seth Spainhower reviewed the previous minutes. Heidi Conway make a motion to approve the minutes and Luke Isley seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Melanie Peterson joined our meeting today. She is one of the secretaries at SFHS and also serves as the school wide Wellness Representative. She started our meeting by discussing the ins and outs of our district wide Wellness Program. It is a great program that promotes healthy living life styles. While following these healthy living guidelines, Nebo employees are also rewarded with company insurance benefits and personal incentives as well.

Seth Spainhower then went over the Nebo Student Wellness Policy/Healthy Discussion for this school year. All of the agenda items listed previously were reported on and discussed. Our administration feels really good about the physical education, health, and food service departments at SFHS. Everyone involved is doing everything they can to stay compliant with district policies and federal regulations. Most importantly, they focus on what is best for kids. Their physical, and mental wellness is always a top priority.

See the agenda for specific topics discussed. As part of the discussion about offering healthy choices for classroom awards, we discussed some none-food alternatives. These included; early out days, longer lunches, airpod drawings, swag handouts, and student highlights. We also discussed the possibility of offering preferred parking spots on the front rows to reward certain celebrations. Our council also brought up what our school is doing to teach overall mental wellness and psychology to our students. Preston Parrish explained the different psychology options our students have as well as his efforts with Mr. Josh Jensen and how they focus on these areas in their specific classes. Josh teaches each all of our sophomores in a Life Management class.

Matt Christensen then gave a quick update on our new stadium and specifically our future plans with the scoreboard. We are extremely grateful that our district has decided to approve the purchase of a larger, more inclusive, digital scoreboard. This scoreboard will better accommodate ALL of the sports that will be using the stadium and not just football. It was will also allow our students, stakeholders, and boosters to run advertisements and highlights digitally to the spectators. This will be a great way for students to showcase their work and also provide a great revenue opportunity for our programs.

Monica Carter, who filled in for Sharla Barber, then gave the counseling update. She talked about the CCRP's that were taking place with our Juniors. It is also the busy season for scholarships and graduation preparation. Our counselors are working extremely hard making sure kids are ready and prepared! Leslie Swenson is also working with a group of girls on anxiety and how to use proper coping techniques to help them feel better and overcome anxiety. We are really excited to see how the collaboration turns out. We also discussed graduation being held at the Spanish Fork Fairgrounds and that we are not required to limit attendance. No tickets will need to be purchased either.

The meeting ended at 11:50. Heidi Conway made a motion to end the meeting, Rochelle Barber seconded the motion, and all were in favor to end.

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May 11, 2021

The meeting began at 11:10 AM. Sharla Barber, Bret Bills and Rochelle Barber were not in attendance. The previous minutes were reviewed by Seth Spainhower. Chris Bronson made a motion to approve the minutes, Heidi Conway seconded the motion, all were in favor.

We distributed our lunch's that were provided by our amazing Pro-Start club. Later in the meeting, they came in to meet our SCC and talk about what they love about their club. It was an awesome meal provided by great kids. This meeting was intended to be a lunch celebration for the year while school admin presented information.

Seth Spainhower then gave a breakdown of our final graduation plans. Highlights from that discussion are found in the agenda above. The council had questions about parking. The admin/counselors will be sending out more information about the logistics of the fairgrounds and what graduation procedures will look like.

Seth then discussed the Aspire Plus test that was administered to our sophomore students. We offered the test to approximately 400+ students on Monday the 10th.

We then had a great discussion about attendance. Seth went over what our current attendance policy is and what our tentative plans were for moving forward. We asked for feedback and opinions about what is working, or not working. Suggestions included that there could possibly be too many notifications. It would also be helpful if parents could be notified of the specific classes that were missed. Another way to help students earn detention hours could be writing gratitude letters. It was also suggested to put a cap on excused absences. The council felt like having more than five excused absences could be problematic and that serving detention for more than that could be appropriate. The admin talked about the challenges that this time of year brings with helping our seniors get ready for graduation. Our current policy is that our seniors cannot walk unless they are under three hours of detention. We have several seniors who have much more than that and coming up with a plan that helps them be held accountable, but also fair can be difficult.

The last thing discussed was our year in review and our excitement moving into next school year! We are excited for the progress that our vision committee has made and the plans we have moving forward!

The meeting ended at 11:50. Heidi Conway made a motion to close the meeting and Laura Olsen seconded the motion. All were in favor.

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