

Community Council Meeting

September 16, 2019

Attending: Brad Bench, Brittne Bohner, Julie Steel, Jill Hunt, Christa Hinton, Blaine Wilson, Laralee Davenport, Jolyn Feller

Julie Steel welcomed and turned the time over to Mr. Bench

Mr. Bench reviewed minutes and suggested to change the date of this meeting from September 9 to September 16.

Julie Steel motioned to approve the minutes with change

Christa Hinton second the motion

All approved

New Members were introduced and requirements discussed:

Jill Hunt: Jill wanted to be involved and her mother in law who is an educator recommended community council. She has served on community council in other schools.

Blain Wilson: Blain is a retired educator and has taught at several colleges and universities in several different states. He taught English in the Republic of Georgia. He is the guardian of 6 grandchildren. Two of these are attending SCMS this year. He welcomes the chance to serve.

Brittne Bohner: Brittne has loved serving many years on the PTA. She currently is serving on three PTA boards and is the PTA President at SCMS. This is her first time on community council and she is happy to serve.

Laralee Davenport: Laralee loves being involved in the community. She works at Dixie State University. This is her second year serving on community council. She likes promoting the value of education.

Christa Hinton: Christa's four children have all attended SCMS. Her youngest is currently enrolled at the school and she likes knowing and being informed about what is going on.

Julie Steele: Julie wanted to be involved with her kids and thought a good way was to understand each school and how it works.

Requirements of a school community council require that there be 2 more community members than school employees. SCMS community council has six community members which includes the PTA President. The council also has 3 employee members.

A discussion was held concerning if this is enough members for this year. Some liked having odd numbers in case of a vote. The question was asked if it was a problem not having a more diverse group. Mr. Bench felt that it wasn't because the council's decisions benefit the vast majority of the students. It was decided to go forward with the 9 members already on the council.

Mr. Bench shared the *Regulations for Parents policy*. He specifically pointed out four points:

- attend school community council meetings and actively participate.
- serve as an officer on the council, or nominate good candidates to fill those roles.
- represent the needs of all students at the school and promote the goals and activities of school parent groups and families in the school community.
- celebrate successes towards achieving council goals with the parents.

Mr. Bench shared *Checklist for School Community Council Officers* and pointed out the chair's responsibility is to make sure the council is fully functioning and things are run as they should .

Mr. Bench proposed that we have Co Chairs: One in their first year and one in their second year of serving.

Blain Wilson nominated Julie Steele for chair this year
Laralee Davenport second the nomination
All voted in favor

Jill Hunt nominated Blain Wilson to be co chair
Christa Hinton second the nomination
All voted in favor

Norms and Procedures were discussed:

- Cell Phones to vibrate
- Start/End on Time
- Respectful of each other in conversations

All were approved

SCMS Mission Statement was reviewed:

Mr. Bench shared that all teachers have and are trained on the school's mission statement. The mission statement is: Ensuring our Students acquire academic and social skills for lifelong success.

He also said that PLC and faculty meetings refer to the mission statement constantly and all decisions are based on this mission statement..

The faculty defined what each statement meant and included GVC's, Critical Thinking, Creativity, Communication, Collaboration, Responsible Citizenship in helping students develop these skills. It was determined what can be ensured or what we can control. These are:

- A safe learning environment
- A guaranteed viable curriculum
- Monitoring of student progress through assessments
- Extra time and support for every student
- Communication with stakeholders

There was a discussion on safety in our school and the response to recent threat events Jill Hunt asked what was the main reason parents were calling during this time and Mr. Bench said they wanted to know if it was safe to send their students to school. He also shared that he learned how to articulate and share information better through the experience.

TSSA Plan Information: Teacher Student Success Account

\$112,000 dollars was allocated to our school. The funds distribution plan doesn't have to be voted upon but needs to be shared with stakeholders.

SCMS is focusing on our Tier 3 programs for these funds because that is where our struggles are the most. Demographically speaking Hispanic males were identified. The focus will also include how many are on track for graduation. The school will use the programs already in place to help these students. These are ESL, GRASP and Learning Strategies. The funds will be distributed by:

An increase for every paraprofessional in these programs in hours and salary - \$15,883

A decrease in class sizes - \$51,872

Technology/ChromeBooks - \$31,543

Additional Math - \$2,545

ESL Novels - 1000

PBIS - 1500

Professional Development and Canvas training- 4,500

Parent Support - \$3,000

Julie Steel adjourned the meeting.

Next meeting October 7th