

Community Council Minutes

November 11, 2019

Attending: Jeff Harrah, Brittnie Bonham, Julie Steel, Ryan Stephens, Laralee Davenport, Kyle Rarrick, Christa Hinton, Jolyn Feller

Julie Steel welcomed and turned the time over to Jeff Harrah

Julie Steel motioned to approve the October 7, 2019 minutes
Laralee Davenport seconded the motion
All voted in favor

School Rise and ACT Aspire Results

Ryan Stephens share a video from Utah's office of Education about student Growth Progress. The video explained how scores are used and calculated to assess student growth.

Mr. Stephens showed data from last years RISE 8th grade test and ASPIRE 9th grade test. He showed SCMS compared to the District. SCMS is doing well. Parents can see their students growth score on PowerSchool on their test scores.

Mr. Rarrick shared that two years back to back of 40 or more growth helps students get to proficient level.

Technology Use and Digital Citizenship

Mr. Rarrick shared that SCMS has enough devices for every student.

Mr. Bench surveyed the teachers and 40% said 70% of their class is on CANVAS.

John Hattie was quoted. He said, "Success for students is them having access to resources." Mr. Rarrick said that students will work through problems and watch videos over and over to self teach if they have access to them. This is where CANVAS is such a great program and SCMS is hoping to increase teachers' use of it. In the survey, teachers were also asked if they shared information and resources with another teacher on CANVAS and 55% said yes. CANVAS also gives teachers the ability to use instant intervention and saves time in grading so a teacher can spend more time with the students. Mrs. Hinton asked, "What is the reason a 1/3 of the teachers are not using CANVAS." This was attributed to several reasons including some teachers are ready to retire and don't want to change systems, some teachers don't have classes that work well with the program and some teachers are still learning and being trained because this is the first year of the school using the program. SCMS is one to the top schools in the district in their use of CANVAS.

The district shared that the most used websites at our school are CANVAS, Google, and ALEX All top15 websites were educational.

Mr. Rarrick shared that all students and parents have access to the school's Digital Response to Intervention Plan. They are planning to make improvements for next year. He also shared that teachers are getting the Imperio program on their computers so they can track and monitor students online behavior and help keep them on track during class.

Mr. Harrah said, "SCMS is teaching that the school is not a social media warehouse but an educational facility."

He also shared about a program called BARK the district is using that flags words students use relating to self harm. The school district is working on getting access to the program to schools. They were able to help two SCMS students this past week by using this program.

Other Business:

The use of cellphones was discussed. Members wanted to know if they are a problem or a distraction in the classroom at SCMS. Mr. Harrah shared data from his research and study that show how cell phones in general are causing many problems with our teenagers but he felt that our teachers do a good job of managing their use in the classrooms.

Julie Steel adjourned the meeting until February 10.