

School Community Council - Thursday, January 12, 2017

Minutes

Board members in attendance: John Goldhardt, Amber Rydalch, Kay Adams, LeAuna Brown, Carla Christensen, Cherie Clawson, Natalie Dansie, Laurel Fetzer, Jennica Murray, Paul Pickett, Nita Tuitupou, Cindy Wilkey (Also present were Belinda Johnson, from the Murray School Board, and student, Caden Seiter.)

- 1. Approval of minutes:** Minutes were unanimously approved.
- 2. Dress code at school dances:** Natalie Dansie shared information about an incident with a picture from Fall Ball being posted on social media. The picture showed a female student dressed in a manner that caused some disturbance. Natalie spoke with her father, Paul Hansen, former Olympus High principal and Director of Schools for Granite School District, about the incident and school dance dress codes. Mr. Hansen indicated that although schools can have a dance dress code, enforcement of that code is a nightmare.
Dr. Goldhardt agreed with Mr. Hansen's assessment and expressed that it is especially difficult for male administrators to enforce dress codes. MHS always has at least 1 administrator at the door of each dance who sees the students as they enter and will quietly pull aside, and delicately speak with, any student that is dressed in extreme attire. Mr. Church was the administrator for Fall Ball and the student involved in the above photo-posting incident was not dressed in an extreme manner, and was modestly covered, as she entered the dance.
For the most part, dance attire is set by community standards, as it is parents that usually purchase the clothing and see their students prepare for the dance.
- 3. Be Strong Program:** Laurel Fetzer told about a positive approach to attendance used at another school called the "Be Strong" program. Among other things, this program uses a Lunch Forum that Laurel felt could be beneficial to use at Murray High. The lunch forum is presented 1 time per month with lunch (usually Pizza) and motivational guest speakers provided. If presented at Murray High, this lunch forum would be a way for students to work off citizenship U's while motivating and educating students.
Dr. Goldhardt suggested the lunch form take place in the Little Theater and have student U officers appointed to oversee the project.
If anyone has suggestions for guest speakers for these events, please contact Laurel Fetzer at:
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- 4. Role of the SCC:** Paul Pickett asked what the council member's view the role of the SCC to be. Members mentioned the school improvement plan and follow-up on it in reviewing progress on its mandates; reviewing test scores; coming up with ways to have the community help with attendance by communicating with parents through social media and Parents Square; get an update on the budget and the future of Trust Land money.
- 5. "RTI (Response To Intervention) at Work" Conference:** Dr. Goldhardt informed SCC members that this conference is on March 29th & 30th at the Sheraton in SLC. Several MHS teachers are going to this conference and all members of the SCC that are interested are encouraged to attend. Dr. Goldhardt suggested that Trust Land money could be used to pay for SCC members to attend.
- 6. Next meeting:** The council would like to invite Heather Preece, the MHS social worker, to talk about the current big issues our students are facing, and ways in which the SCC can help. Council members are also excited about the upcoming registration fair, and will offer feedback on it at our next meeting.

Next Meeting Thurs. Feb. 9, 2017 @ 3:30pm