

# Midvale Middle School School Community Council MINUTES

Wednesday, October 12, 2016

Time 6:30 p.m.

Meeting Location MMS Media Center

Meeting Called By: David Cox, Chair  
Type of Meeting: SCC  
Facilitator: Keila Ellingson, Vice Chair  
Note Taker: Sierra Eastmond

## **Attendees**

Wendy Dau  
Debbie Delliskave  
Alyssa Powers  
Kelia Ellingson  
Willy Ray  
Tabbie Mayne  
Richard Hansen  
Melissa Baker  
Shelley Allen  
Bryan Rudes  
Sierra Eastmond  
Dave Fields

## **AGENDA TOPICS**

Welcome and Introductions

Presenter: Keila Ellingson

**Discussion** New members: Alyssa Powers, parent and Debbie Delliskave, Math Teacher at Midvale Middle were welcomed to the meeting. Introductions of all attendees were made. Keila Ellingson, Vice-Chair will conduct the meeting in the absence of the Dave Cox, SCC Chair.

<u>Action Items</u>	<u>Person Responsible</u>	<u>Deadline</u>
Preparation of agenda items for subsequent meetings	Dave Cox	One week prior to next meeting
Members will attend one of the SCC training sessions	All SCC Members	11/14/2016

Review of Past Minutes

Presenter: Keila Ellingson

**Discussion** Review of Past Minutes from September 21 by Keila Ellingson. Minutes motioned, seconded and passed by the SCC. Minutes have been approved, and will be published on the website and in print form in the front of the school for community to see.

**Discussion** Wendy provided a review of the MMS budget and how the budget is currently being spent at Midvale Middle School. Everything that the budget has been spent thus far is going to pay individuals that work directly with students. The school has an open position for a student mentor, this position is in the budget as a 20 hour a week positions. Please recruit anyone who you feel would be a good fit, and that can work daytime school hours. The budget is also going to pay teachers to develop literacy curriculum for our students.

***SCC has no questions about the budget thus far.***

**Discussion** During the previous SCC meeting the attendees were given a self study survey on the on the framework of MYP. The results are as follows.

Standard A Philosophy: The School's Educational Belief and Values Align with those of IB.  
Practice A1. The school's published statements of mission and philosophy align with those of IB  
The results were \_0\_ Emerging \_1\_ Developing \_6\_ Demonstrating \_2\_ Excelling  
Shelley presented this mission statement of Midvale Middle and the mission statement of IB.  
SCC agreed that the statements were aligned

Practice A2. The governing body, administrative, and pedagogical leadership and staff demonstrate understanding of the IB philosophy  
\_0\_ Emerging \_0\_ Developing \_6\_ Demonstrating \_3\_ Excelling  
What MMS is doing: the Governing body (district office), the admin, and teachers understand the IB philosophy.

Practice A3. School Community demonstrates an understanding of, and commitment to the programme  
\_1\_ Emerging \_6\_ Developing \_1\_ Demonstrating \_1\_ Excelling  
What MMS is doing: We will hold a parent community night on Nov. 10th, and also do a monthly Information Newsletter.  
How else can we do this: SCC provided input;  
Ideas focus on the 6th grade community. How do we transition this knowledge to the new incoming 6th graders. Possibly a 6th grade email to parents sharing links about the program  
Holding parent nights 3 different times, a recording it and posting it on the website in 5, 10 minute chunks. How can we communicate what the benefit of MYP and what difference does it make? Feeding people gets great turn out. MMS does mail home school newsletter and there are 2 pages of MYP information

Practice A3. A Make a Difference Project

\_2\_ Emerging \_3\_Developing \_4\_Demonstrating \_0\_ Excelling

What MMS is doing: All 8th grade core teachers are helping with the make a difference project. Newsletter features a sample make a difference project

Practice A4. The school develops and promotes international mindedness and all attributes of the IB learner profile across the school community

\_0\_ Emerging \_3\_Developing 5\_\_Demonstrating \_1\_ Excelling

What MMS is doing: Trojan Time lessons are built around a learner profile: this month's is caring. Newsletter will highlight the learner profile trait. All teachers to make subject area connections to the learner profile.

Practice A5. The school promotes a responsible action within and beyond the school community

\_0\_ Emerging \_3\_Developing \_4\_Demonstrating \_2\_ Excelling

What MMS is doing: Monthly service reflections, competition between grades, make a difference project, inquiry cycle

What else can we do? Include parents within this inquiry cycle.

Practice A6. Communication based on understanding and respect

\_0\_ Emerging \_2\_Developing \_3\_Demonstrating \_4\_ Excelling

What MMS is doing: Trojan Time learner profiles, behavior reflections based on the inquiry cycle, communication between school and parents.

Practice A7. The school places importance on language learning, including mother tongue, host country language and other languages

\_0\_ Emerging \_1\_Developing \_3\_Demonstrating \_5\_ Excelling

What MMS is doing: All teachers are language teachers, school wide focus on language acquisition, MMS offers Spanish, French, Chinese, English Language Development, encouragement and highlight students who speak a second language.

Practice A8. The school participates in the IB world community

\_0\_ Emerging \_2\_Developing \_5\_Demonstrating \_2\_ Excelling

What MMS is doing: MMS is part of of the association AIBWSU, Teachers/admin Attend the fall conference, Access the online curriculum center, and the IB Coordinator (Shelley Allen) is an IB educator.

Practice A9. The school supports access for students to the IB programme and philosophy

\_0\_ Emerging \_2\_Developing \_4\_Demonstrating \_3\_ Excelling

What MMS is doing: Every student is an IB MYP student , Hillcrest High (MMS is the feeder school to this school) has the career programme and diploma programme.

Practice A9.A. The school strongly encourages participation for all students

\_0\_ Emerging \_0\_Developing \_8\_Demonstrating \_1\_ Excelling

What MMS is doing: All students are an IB MYP student, language acquisition- ELD, reading, Chinese, French, and Spanish, students take a class in all 8 subject areas

Shelley then administered the Pre Evaluation given on: Standard B: Organization  
B1: Leadership and Structure

Time was given to complete this survey during SCC. Shelley will present on the survey result next SCC meeting

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Comprehensive Guidance Update

Presenter: Melissa Baker

**Discussion** Corby Eason, MMS school counselor received a human rights award. This information is on the website and will be featured in the newsletter. The 8th graders will be taking a field trip to UVU this month. This year the students will be visiting UVU, BYU, and possibly the U or other colleges this year. The school counselors deliver in the classroom Comprehensive Guidance Lessons on a monthly basis.

This month:

6th grade: is focusing on developing social skills, with career development activities

7th grade: is focusing on college and career readiness and social skills

8th grade: is focusing on college and career readiness

A multi cultural field trip that was put on by the state was taken this month. The governor spoke during this fieldtrip. MMS took 40 8th graders. This is an annual field trip that MMS participates in.

### **Questions**

Is anyone seeing a need for counselors to focus on? Melissa clarified that all classes receive these lessons, the school counselors see all students and also do responsive services.

Ideas for lessons by counselors that focus on:

-How young ladies and men should be acting, and what messages are we sending when we speak and our body language.

-The importance for kids to understand how adults should and should not talk to young people, maybe a lesson on this as well.

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Progress Monitoring of CSIP Goals with Data

Presenter: Wendy Dau

**Discussion** Wendy presented an update to our CSIP goals.

Literacy: We now have all baseline data. Placements based on student scores have been made. All of this testing will be done in December and then again in April. Our goal is to see if we are making growth. For our Salta kids we need to make sure their reading level is maintained and they score a 3 or 4 on Sage. These students do not receive reading intervention, they are receiving enrichment.

Stem Goals: We have a new measure, the math inventory (SMI). From this data students who were on level with reading they have been placed in a math lab.

PBIS Goal: Next month we will show the office discipline referral data. We are using behavioral contracts and student mentors to get students back into class with a reflection.

Student survey of school climate: BLT will look at data in next BLT meeting. The lowest two scores we had on the survey were how students treat each other. The BLT will focus on this data and how to correct it. We do have problems on the busses, we need to talk with students about behavior, even if we are not being supervised. We want the students to score at least a 16 or higher, it is out of 32, on the make a difference project.

MMS School Grade: C

MMS has grown over 10 points in Language Arts. Below proficient students grew more than 10 points in Language Arts. MSS is looking at ways to show growth in the maths and science.

MGP from Sage Testing

All Students Growth:50 is what they expect a year's growth to be.

Language Arts: 42 in 2015, 57 in 2016

Below Proficient Growth:37 in 2015, 51.5 in 2016

The goal is to move school wide in math and science

**Questions about the data? None**

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Bus Efficiency Study

Presenter: Wendy Dau

**Discussion** Changing the bussing would have pushed MMS start time 15 or 20 minutes later, We do not know if it is slated for the Oct 15th board meeting, due to the unpopularity of the effects it would have on high schools starting earlier and elementary schools starting later.

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Update on Middle School Schedule for 2017-2018

Presenter: Wendy Dau

**Discussion** A proposed change to the middle school schedule arose due to the district being out of compliance with CTE and PE state requirements. State of Utah requires CTE to be everyday, this affects all middle schools in the district. On Nov 18th MMS will be going to the board with a new middle school schedule, again due to the CTE requirement increase and PE and Health requirement increase. MMS has it narrowed down to two possible schedules for the 2017-2018 school year.

1. 10 period schedule with 5 periods each day. Core classes each day. On B days the students would go to a 35 minute skinny period. Increases class sizes, but allows for full year electives. Reduces instructional time in ELD.
2. 7 period schedule A/B day. Full year band and full year world language. The now have 14 slots for classes. All core classes, ELD, and CTE everyday. The class periods would be 50 minutes, with 7 transition times. We would ½ PE teacher and may have to eliminate a language program

On Nov 10th MMS will host a parent night, and then hold the SCC meeting thus allowing SCC to vote on the schedules after the parent night information night. SCC will be held at 7:30 on Nov. 10th. Board meeting is on Nov. 18th. PTSA will be invited as well.

<u>Action Items</u>	<u>Person Responsible</u>	<u>Deadline</u>
Share the two proposed schedules with SCC	Wendy Dau	10/14/16
Invite PTSA to the Parent Information Night	Wendy Dau	10/14/16
Promote the Parent Information Night to the Community	All SCC Members	11/10/16

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Safe Technology and Digital Citizenship

Presenter: Wendy Dau  
Jenna Townsend

**Discussion** It has been proposed the the committee tables this for another meeting, or Wendy emails the Safe Technology and Digital Citizenship information via email.

<u>Action Items</u>	<u>Person Responsible</u>	<u>Deadline</u>
Share the Safe Technology and Digital Citizenship information with all SCC members.	Wendy Dau	10/14/16

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Review Next Meeting

Presenter: Keila Ellingson

**Discussion** the next SCC meeting will be held Nov.10th, directly after the parent night that will commence at 6:30 p.m. During the parent meeting we will discuss next year's schedule and MYP, and then hold the SCC meeting to vote on the 2017-2018 schedule.

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Close of Meeting

Presenter: Keila Ellingson

**Discussion** The SCC meeting for 10/12/16 is now closed.

<u>Action Items</u>	<u>Person Responsible</u>	<u>Deadline</u>
Construction of building will be added as an continually updated agenda item	Wendy Dau	11/10/2016
Dave Cox will create an agenda for each month's each meeting	Dave Cox	One week prior to meeting

