

MMS Community Council Meeting

DRAFT MINUTES

Agenda:

January 3, 2017 5:30PM
MMS Main Office Conference Room

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| 1. Welcome | Willy Ray |
| 2. Approval of Past Minutes | Willy Ray |
| 3. SNAP (Safe Walking Routes) | |
| 4. MYP | Shelly Allen |
| 5. Trust Lands Budget and Data Review | Mindy Robison |

Midvale Middle School Student Community Council
3 January 2018

Attending: Mindy Robison, Bryan Rudes, Geralynn Barney, Willy Ray, Stacey Kratz, Alyssa Powers, Cayla Carroll, Sara E. Allen, Steve Brown, Richard Hansen

Alyssa Powers motioned, Cayla Carroll seconded approving the December minutes. Minutes approved.

SNAP (Safe Walking Routes) report: Bryan Rudes

Mr. Rudes distributed a packet of information including walking routes for students in neighborhood as well as concerns to be addressed by the district, by the municipality and any changes to the roads or routes.

Concerns requiring attention/consideration from the district:

- Stairs at the front of the building need some kind of paint to emphasize the stairs' edges.
- A gate should be placed between the parking lots of the elementary and middle schools.
- Traffic arrows should be painted to show the flow of traffic during pickup and drop-off times.
- The bus area gate should be painted (possibly with red or orange stripes) to make it more noticeable.
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Concerns requiring attention/consideration from the city:

- Flashing crosswalk sign installed for the crossing at Pioneer Street in front of the school.
- A crosswalk should be painted across Garden View Drive at the intersection of Garden View and Pioneer streets.
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- Take down the Midvale Health Clinic signs at each end of Pioneer Street.

No changes were reported to roads or neighborhoods during the last school year that would affect the Student Neighborhood Access Plan. Steve Brown reported that a future plan calls for 30-ish town homes built west of 700 West at Ivy; they will be built over time and would be in our school's walking footprint, especially on the south end. This is something to watch for future SNAPs.

Steve Brown said Midvale city is studying crosswalks; that study should be coming back soon. They're looking at high-traffic areas and whether crosswalks are in the right spots; not sure of the effect on Pioneer Street. He

Mindy Robison said a city employee came to the school and asked a lot of questions about the existing crosswalk.

Stacey Kratz made a motion to approve the plan, seconded by Steve Brown. The SNAP was approved and signed and will be forwarded to the district.

MYP Report by Mindy Robison (substituting for Shelley Allen):

This month, our emphasis is on rules and procedures. The students made videos today, and tomorrow we will hold an assembly on the rules. These lessons go along with the TOP BRICCCCK focus of being principled and the ATL focus of self-management.

This Friday during Trojan Time, students will talk about importance of rules and why they matter. Ms. Allen also is busy with documentation for the upcoming site visit.

Willy Ray said he likes the format of the MYP report that Ms. Allen prepares monthly and asked if it could be linked to Ms. Robison's weekly email so that the school community can see the focus for the whole month. Ms. Robison said that is an excellent idea.

Trust Lands Budget Report by Mindy Robison:

We're about to start our Student of the Month program, which will use some budgeted funds. We are ordering long-sleeved shirts for students who earn this award and are deciding whether to have a reward breakfast with winning students and their parents before school or a lunch/social activity for winning students during the school day.

The budget for assistant wages is still high due to unfilled positions. We have interviews for three assistants this week and next week to hopefully fill those and start using those budgeted hours. However, it's likely we will have to go to our planned secondary uses for the money (we can do that without an amendment because it's on the plan as is; it's for technology). Willy Ray said we should take action on making those technology purchases within the next month if possible.

Progress Report towards CSIP goals by Mindy Robison (see attached sheet):

Notes on the report:

Ms. Robison: Tardies are difficult to track. Every other month, we still are having incentive parties for students who get seven or fewer tardies in the time period. We are tracking that number, but we haven't figured out how to do from spring to spring.

Willy Ray: How is the connection between the budget and our goals: are the line items on our budget adequately connected to our goals?

Ms. Robison: Sara (Allen) and I have been working on this issue. Some of the strengths of the budget as compared to CSIP are in the “people matter” area: having our mentors track and help kids academically, etc. We are looking at how to help students in special education have more support. Next time we write our CSIP, we should look at possibly adding in a line item for substitutes to give teachers time to go through our emerging data and figure out why these things are happening and make plans to address issues as they arise; this is a highly effective way to use the data and tie it into our CSIP and it gets good results. We are asking right now: How are we going to better track the use of this money and the impact it has on kids? I think there are things we can do better to show that and to show the gains in the terms of the CSIP.