

SCC Minutes 181107

Midvale Middle School
School Community Council
07 November 2018

Attending: Mindy Robison, Mont Millerberg, Matt Watts, Willy Ray, Geralynn Barney, Brenda Anderson, Sheradee Bradfield, Shelley Allen, Alyssa Powers, Rebecca Martin, Emily Wall, & Stacey Kratz

Thanks to Canyons school board member Mont Millerberg for attending and participating in our meeting!

Trust Lands Budget (Mindy Robison)

We are starting to use more substitutes for professional development and classroom mentoring visits, so that budget will start to go down. We have hired a combination counseling secretary and interventionist. Now have 6- 8 math interventionists and a reading interventionist. All the people we hoped to hire have been hired (seventh-grade interventionist isn't working maximum

CSIP (Mindy Robison)

Nothing much new to report. We are very excited to be focusing on growth. We do not have new data since the first tests but are taking both RI and MI again in December (will be available January at the latest). The teachers are doing great work on their student growth goals; they're not just a vague number but specifics the kids can chart in their classes.

PBIS not quite to the 3:1 ratio but it is going up.

Minutes: Steve Brown made a motion to approve the September and October minutes; Alyssa Power seconded; minutes approved.

PTSA update (Rebecca Martin)

Our Money Wars fundraiser is going on through this Friday at school and through next Friday online now that our PayPal is up and working. Our goal is to make \$1,000 and we are off to a slow start so any support for the fundraiser is much appreciated.

Safety Update (Matt Watts)

Mr. Bryan Rudes is in charge of our safety committee; we can't say enough good about our police officer. Today was his last day for a while because he's having surgery; he'll be back in January and we'll have another officer in the meantime. One thing we are talking with him about doing is the police officers bringing dogs in to run drills in the hallways; they would like to be able to do that when we're doing shelter in place and lockdown drills because it's such good training for the dogs. The students are out of the hallways before the dogs come in.

Mindy Robison said this month is the month we previously planned to do the shelter in place or lockdowns; this is not a new thing and other schools do it, but the superintendent wants to make sure the community knows about it.

Alyssa Powers made a motion, with Amy Skelton seconding, to permit police department to bring in dogs during drills this year. Motion carried unanimously.

MYP Update (Shelley Allen)

For Trojan Time this month, we are being caring communicators. Last Friday, we talked about social isolation: defining it, having conversations about how it feels to be alone and not have people acknowledge or speak to you. Students committed to say hi to people in the hallway; if they were willing to do that, they decorated a piece of confetti and it's all in a display at school. This week, we look at what is a caring interaction. Students are getting to know someone better in their Trojan Time class. The following Friday we're going to have them look at different areas in their lives when they might notice someone socially isolated and set a goal to reach out to one of those people in the following two weeks, and then do their service reflection based on that. It's been a powerful unit this month. We watched a video clip of a man who decided not to talk to anyone for a week as an experiment in social isolation, and it showed what happened to him when he wasn't around people. And then he went and talked to an elderly person, and the elderly person told him, "This is my life." That kind of isolation also happens to kids who are our students' own age. We also watched video of small children approaching people to re-teach them that openness and lack of fear that young kids have.

Our Approaches to Learning (ATL) focus this month is self-management: strategies to overcome distractions, being on time and preparing to learn with their binders, organizing and completing work on time, and reflecting on their attitudes and adjusting them as needed

Evaluators from the International Baccalaureate will be here next Thursday and Friday for their site visit. Ms. Allen asked SCC members to review relevant IB/MYP materials before the site visit if they plan to come so that everyone will be ready.

Digital Citizenship Training (Brenda Anderson, substituting for Jenna Townsend, MMS ed tech)

Mindy Robison explained that the handout members received is the basics of what we're doing to keep kids safe on the Internet:

Filters: the district provides the highest level of filtering available.

Settings: There are things students can and can't access at various levels (elementary, middle, high school).

Lessons: We train our teachers and our students. They are going to run into things even with the best filtering system, and we teach them how to handle that.

Brenda Anderson:

The district doesn't actively follow every student; they only look up their history if something questionable comes up, and then they look at the last 40 days.

Our Digital Citizenship Plan is:

- Monthly dissemination of DC materials to faculty; two sharing opportunities with parents (Skylert, newsletter, articles); digital citizenship student ed during language arts classes through creation of Nearpod (personal branding and social media use; reputation management and care with what you put online).
- Presentation at faculty meeting
- Presentation to the SCC (at this meeting)
- Submission of our plan by end of November 2018

- Holding Digital Citizenship Week Feb. 11-15; we have already scheduled an assembly on Feb. 12 from NetSmartz

Mindy Robison said there's ongoing everyday training from teachers reminding students what is appropriate and how to manage their online time and their digital footprints. We have very few issues at school. The biggest issues are outside school on social media, text, etc. and how it affects the students in school.

Emily Wall said that one thing that would be nice is if parents had some access to csddocs as far as being able to print, etc. Mindy Robison said she would pass on that feedback to our ed tech and the district.

For the information of board members, Ms. Robison said the Canyons school board meeting next Tuesday, the board will hold the third and final reading of a new math program; Illustrative. Mindy Robison said the program is much more in-depth and much more relatable for the kids, and better at helping students learn, than anything she has seen. It's more work for teachers but it's very effective and we and our math teachers are strongly in support of adopting it. Mont Millerberg said some teachers in the district were opposed to the new program, so the board ordered a district-wide survey of the teachers to gauge support for it because they wanted to hear from those who would be teaching it. The program, if adopted, has a strong online component that families can access at home to help parents help their kids.

Community Facilitator (Geraldyn Barney)

Our next flu clinic is Nov. 15 from 3-7 p.m.

This year we have partnered with a really great group, Teachers for Hope, that are doing Thanksgiving dinners for some of our families.

We are also full swing into the holiday preparations: applications are out for Sub for Santa. Families are filling them out now and we're going to try and match them with donors. We also will be distributing food bags for all the students in the school right before winter break.

A Holiday Fiesta Concert will be put on for us and Midvale Elementary during December; it's meant to bring the community together; it will be here on Dec. 11.

Adjourn; next meeting Dec. 5, 5:30 p.m.