

Last Month's Minutes:
SCC Minutes 11/7/18

Midvale Middle School
School Community Council
5 December 18

Attending: Mindy Robison, Kristana Price, Tory Cortes, Geralynn Barney, Willy Ray, Emily Wall, Rebecca Martin, Amy Skelton, Shelley Allen

PTSA Update (Rebecca Martin)

Thanks for the contribution to the fundraiser. We raised over \$1300. 7th grade won by the amount divided by number of students. We are bonded now and have a Paypal account, which helped improve things. No meeting in December. Parent-teacher conferences are coming up again. The PTSA operating budget is \$4000: We have spirit nights, Box Tops, PTC dinners, reward activities. We had a Reflections awards ceremony and a lot of people come. Winning entries were dropped off this week for Region. Need to get that date on the school calendar.

Safety Update (Kristana Price)

The safety committee met last week and discussed the success of the lockdown drill we conducted. 10 police officers were there without dogs. We identified a few weaknesses and are making improvements, such as fixing the yellow door that doesn't latch. Each administrator was paired with a police officer. We brought an officer to come in to talk to classes where students didn't take it seriously. We walked through the entire building and there was only one room where they could see kids. We talked to that teacher and provided feedback. The safety committee suggested to make sure we re-lock the doors when we go through to check. We have a fire drill in January. We will bring the SNAP plan for SCC to approve.

Trust LANDs Budget for 2018/2019 (Mindy Robison)

Plan included on the back of agenda. We're still a little high (could spend a little more), but we didn't have one of the 7th-grade assistants (Hannah) hired at the time. We're looking at hiring someone to assist during lunches and provide help with restorative services that help those struggling during unsupervised times. We're still looking for someone who could help with math. We also spent some of the money for inservice wages for professional development. We do have assistants for 6th, 7th, and 8th grades and are becoming more strategic in working on academic and behavior, in addition to someone who works with reading. We feel comfortable with not needing amendments and Mindy will work on collecting some data for that.

CSIP Review (Mindy Robison)

Students just finished the RI for the second time and we celebrated the 3 classes with the highest average overall growth. The MI will be given next week. Both goals are growth goals and we're encouraging students to do their best. Next time we'll reward the classes with the highest percentage of students who met their overall growth goal.

ODR means Office Discipline Referral. Early Warning Systems (EWS) is predictors of whether students will graduate from high school and determines whether they're on track, at-risk, or off-track. This shows for our school population areas of concern and areas we're doing well in. First term, about 17% of our students have attendance as a concern. Our teachers do an excellent job about handling minor issues. We still have about 75% male to 25% female aggression when we look at ODR ratios. The Building Leadership Team (BLT) has divided into 3 subgroups. Attendance is the one we're focusing on the most closely because it is so important for the others. We're also doing a literacy subgroup with a literacy focus every month to help with the Fs and Ds. With SAGE being replaced by RISE, we're also trying to make sure the students are comfortable with the tool. One great celebration is that our English Language Learners have the highest attendance of any of the subgroups we disaggregated. Because we don't have the academic data yet we wanted to share the EWS data. There might be future CSIP goals that might be embedded in those charts. We think that we have a group for attendance that we haven't positively with parents the power of school and the impact and risks with not attending. Students who miss once a week (rather than vacation) who are often at risk. We're also looking at a first period incentive because we have a lot of kids who miss then. We'd like to look at establishing some baseline data in January. We see pretty similar trends from year to year.

MYP (Shelley Allen)

Thanks to everyone who was there and helped. We don't have specific feedback yet about the evaluation. There will be a big report in 3 months. They did say unofficially that they were very impressed with our parents. The parents knew what the criterion were and seemed passionate about it. Willy would say unofficially tried to probe a little and they seemed impressed with Shelley and the program. We anticipate that we'll get the report and it will say what we're doing well and what we can work on.

In Trojan Time we are being Balanced Communicators. We are looking at the use of technology and look at what can happen when you use too much technology. Students will look at data about technology use and analyze themselves. They will also do a service reflection where they choose from 3 areas--stop using technology in a negative way; use less technology; or use technology to make a positive difference in someone else's life.

Willy had a question about the program in general: There are measurable outcomes in the program about the number of certificates but it's hard to know what to directly associate with MYP otherwise. It's hard to quantify. Responsive Services Department is looking more closely at social-emotional supports because they have more measurable things. We would like to keep thinking about ways to measure and integrate with CSIP.

Report from Counselors (Tory Cortes)

We have spent a lot of time working on 8th-grade CCRs. We set a goal for 50% of parent participation and have almost reached that. The first couple of months with 6th grade we did a unit on character ed and literacy. Now we're doing a career exploration unit with 7th graders. We've started a new student ambassador program and are still trying to figure out some of the kinks. We have monthly lunches with new students and invite the ambassadors to eat and play

icebreaker games. In January we'll start with registration. Fifth-grade night and orientation will be the same day. Monday night the parents of 5th graders are coming over to start answering questions about SALTA and choosing the boundary school before signing an intent-to-continue. It would be a great night to have someone from SCC and PTSA on parent night in February.

Community Facilitator (Geraldyn Barney)

She is working on Sub for Santa and holiday events. So far we have 41 families but still have applications out. So far we have donors for all of our families, so it's been great. It would be helpful to have more girls' coats. Sizes are anywhere from 10 and 16. She would like to have extras here if we can. Geraldyn will get some specific requests to Rebecca so she can send out to parents.

Minutes Approval (Willy Ray)

We never obtained a quorum, so look into seeking approval through email. One change needs to be made to the November minutes: Alyssa Powers and Amy Skelton are not recorded on the attending list and should be. Amy made a motion to approve the minutes and Rebecca seconded it. 5 voted for approval of minutes and we need one more.

Other (Willy Ray)

There's a video sent from Natalie Gordon that members can look at to learn more about Trust Lands.

The next SCC meeting has been moved to January 9. Mindy could send the SNAP plan a week earlier for review.

Adjourn. Next meeting December 5 at 5:30 p.m.