

Mapleton Junior High School Community Council Minutes

November 14, 2023 @ 3 p.m. MJHS Conference Room

1. Welcome by Facilitator - Emily

Facilitator:

Nicole Loveless

Faculty Members:

Tena Graff

Nate Mohler

Alan Albright

Community Members:

Emily Gunderson

Jessica Bagley

David Smith

Erin Gren

Aleigh Rudd

2. Approve October Minutes - Nicole

Minutes: Motion to approve - Emily, 2nd - David, all was in favor

3. Review School Improvement Plan Data - Nicole

Minutes: We looked at and discussed data in the following areas: attendance, RISE data, SWIS data from last year, and class size data.

4. Data & Focus Questions - Nicole

Minutes: Good to note that the SWIS program is working (looking at last years data), Nate discussed the importance of having connections with the students, We discussed the need for math improvement and addressing the gap, We discussed the difference between math/academic language versus social language for ML students, Another challenge noted are barriers within their own language and content, We discussed possibly targeting the ML students who are at levels 3 & 4, A question is: How long have students been on a certain ML proficiency level? Are we getting stuck and if so, how are we bridging the gap within the classrooms? Finding out specific needs.

5. Mustang Showcase/Parent Teacher Conference - Tona

Minutes: Faculty and leadership team are all on board. January 25th will be the Mustang Showcase and Parent Teacher Conference combined. The hope is to invite 7th graders, 8th and 9th graders, as well as their parents. Having the high school come and be available to share their course offerings. Celebrate the work that our students are doing (e.g. art, music, dance, etc.) with a scheduled time so they know when to meet with teachers as well. One teacher from the department explains their program and the rest are available to parents. We want to make it useful, formative and celebratory. Possible food trucks. It was mentioned that it's good to showcase that jr high is fun and the activities that are available here. It was also mentioned that it's important for students to know that jr high matters.

6. PTO/PTA Discussion - Tona

Minutes: Tona showed the draft email that she will be sending out to parents. It was mentioned that it's nice to start out as a PTO instead of PTA so that it's not a long term commitment for parents. We discussed finding out what the interest is. Members agreed that the email was good. It was mentioned that they think parents will respond. The high school and middle school has a lot of parents willing to help and sign ups are full. Tona is ok if we want to move to PTA if parents want it. The committee agrees that the PTO is the right place to start. In the past, PTA was dissolved. Tona will send the email out tonight

7. Council/community concerns - Emily

Minutes: Tona found out that they approved the crosswalk from last year. Tona is not sure what was communicated with the city or where they are at with this. Tona will look in the minutes from last year (Feb. 2023).

8. Comments from Ms. Tona Graff - Tona

Minutes: The Veterans Day celebration was shared. There was art work, students dressed up, and the History department was in charge.

9. Motion to Adjourn - Emily motioned, Tona - 2nd, everyone agreed

Important upcoming dates: Next Meeting - January 9, 2024 @ 3 p.m.

MOTION	DOES IT REQUIRE A 2ND?	IS IT DEBATABLE?	CAN IT BE AMENDED?	IS A VOTE REQUIRED
Adjourn	yes	no	no	majority
Amend a motion	yes	yes	yes	majority
Close nominations	yes	no	yes	2/3
Main motion	yes	yes	yes	majority
Point of Order	no	no	no	ruled on by chair
Previous Question	yes	no	no	2/3
Reconsider	yes	yes	no	majority
Withdrawal of Motion	no	no	no	majority