

Mapleton Junior High School Community Council Minutes

October 8, 2024 @ 3:00 p.m.

1. Welcome - Emily

Facilitator:

- Nicole Loveless
- Brittney Peay

Faculty Members:

- Tona Graff
- Tanner Johnson
- Melissa Heaton

Community Members:

- Jessica Bagley
- David Smith
- Erin Gren
- Aleigh Redd
- Emily Gunderson
- Nick Nelson
- Shauna Warnick

2. Approve September Minutes - Nicole

Minutes: Emily motioned to approve and Jessica seconded the motion. Everyone was in favor.

3. Review Safe Walking Routes - Tona

Minutes: Tona reported that the crosswalk will be a bump out to help drivers slow down. They will work on that during Fall Break. Our Safe School route will stay the same. If a student lives in a 2 mile radius they are expected to walk to school within a safe route. It may change throughout the year. They might add a stoplight between Fizz and the gas station with a Subway. The newer development on the other side of the freeway has no sidewalks or a safe way to get to school, so currently those students have an exemption to ride the school bus. If a stoplight is put in then a safe route can be added and that would be brought to the School Community Council. The bus shop called every parent to let them know that they had a bus under the exemption. A question was asked about how the drivers have been so far. Tona shared that she is out there as much as she can and the "slow down" sign has helped. Tona mentioned she would send a note home to parents and students to remind them to be cautious with the change in daylight.

4. Review School Improvement Plan - Nicole

Minutes: Reviewed our current School Trust Lands plan. We also discussed Panorama and showed the data that we use from that website.

5. Parent Teacher Conferences Discussion - Nicole

Minutes: School Community Council members were not able to attend our last Parent Teacher Conferences. Melissa shared that she had less parents attend for 1st term than usual. Tona shared that some teachers do a sign up, but most use the walk in approach. Tona shared that we looked closely at the dates to avoid conflicts with MMHS, Maple Grove Middle School, Mapleton Elementary and Hobble Creek Elementary Parent Teacher Conferences. Melissa mentioned that a parent wasn't aware because it wasn't publicized enough. Erin mentioned that her children were busy with extracurricular activities. Erin mentioned that there is a teacher here that has been hard to communicate with and find a time to meet with outside of Parent Teacher Conferences. Tona mentioned that we can talk through this with our teachers to make sure we are accessible (especially with part time teachers). Emily asked what the plan is for next term. Tona mentioned that last year we did a mini conference but this year it will be a regular teacher conference. 3rd term we will do another MJHS showcase, celebration. 4th term will be a mini conference. Erin wondered if high school teachers would be able to come and attend the showcase/celebration. We invited them last year and will do that again. We will have ALC, MTech and Concurrent Enrollment class information available that night as well. Erin mentioned it would be nice to have a high school counselor available too. Tona mentioned that we want the transition to high school to be as smooth as possible. An email from counselors that contains a website that has information about concurrent enrollment, graduation requirements, etc. will be shared out with parents soon.

6. Follow up on classroom size data - Tanner

Minutes: This time last year 1207 students now 1324 students. Average number of students per classroom: last year 29, this year 32. We discussed individual department numbers. Most are an increase of 1 or 2 students from last year to this year. Science had the most growth from 29 to 33, and 34 to 36 in biology. AP Human Geography went from 21 to 35 students. There has been more significant growth in 9th grade versus 8th grade students this year. Tona mentioned that the middle school numbers are lower this year than last year. Tona doesn't think we will be as big next year as this year. Tanner described the student cap process established in classes. Honors classes we

are more comfortable with the bigger numbers. We discussed the combination of students and a teacher's behavior management plays into whether or not bigger classes are more difficult to teach or not. Tona mentioned it depends what teachers are willing to do (e.g. buy out a prep) within their teaching schedule. A lot of our teachers teach all 7 classes to bring numbers down. Tona's biggest concern is keeping an eye on our science classes. Nick asked about the increase of numbers. Tona thinks that it was more about having a smaller 9th grade last year as compared to this year. Emily mentioned that she was amazed by the creativity and work done to figure things out.

7. Council/community concerns - Emily

Minutes: Shauna shared that they are always talking about funding, open enrollment and class sizes at the district level. Shauna thanked everyone. Shauna shared Amendment B information after being asked about it. We discussed how the money is used and how much it helps our school. Nick asked what it would take to get a 9th grade girls soccer team. Tona said to have a conversation with Everett Kelepolo as a manager of the whole district in regards to sports.

8. Comments from Ms. Tona Graff

Minutes: Tona shared information about the Honors Band. They have been selected to go perform for the teachers at the St. George conference in January. They submitted a video and got selected over many schools. Tona is seeing a lot of growth in the band program and with the orchestra program as well. The students are doing extra practices right now.

9. Motion to Adjourn

Emily made a motion to adjourn and David seconded the motion.

Important upcoming dates:

October 23rd - District SCC meeting @ 4 p.m. @ SFHS (David & Tona will attend)

November 12th - Next SCC Meeting @ 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