

Bennion Junior High Community Council Agenda

01/24/2024

1. Welcome:

Attendance: Principal Brown, Nicole, Angela, Rachael, Jennifer

Visitors:

Not in attendance:

2. Approval of minutes from last meeting (Emailed prior) *There was not a quorum in attendance. Need to vote over email.*

Motion to approve:

Seconded:

All in favor:

3. Counselor update: News from the Counseling Center:

Having multiple para-professionals and a full-time social worker has opened up the counselors' schedules exponentially to focus on the College and Career Readiness Program. In addition to completing classroom curriculum lessons, all counselors have had great success in holding individual CCR meeting with students; parents and guardians were invited across all grade levels. Data in regard to CCRs will be compiled and entered into Bennion Junior's *Comprehensive Counseling Guidance Program Electronic Evidence Box* with Bennion's state accreditation meeting will take place in the 2025 school year, date TBD.

- Next year's 7th Course Selection is complete. 8th grade Course Selection will be completed Wednesday, Jan 25th. Students who were absent are being tracked down, choosing their classes with their individual counselor and those choices are being sent home for parent/guardian approval.

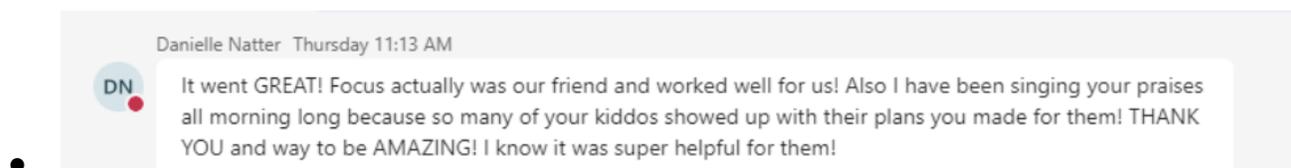
- All parents have been given the opportunity to sign-off on/edit their students' course selections as well as being given the option to request that they be contacted by their students' grade-level counselor. Current 6th and 7th grade counselors will be answering individual requests for contact from parents and guardians as will the counselor welcoming up our 5th grade students.

- Due to the high number of requests for contact from our 6th Grade DLI families: Ms Reed, the current 6th grade counselor will be holding a *Dual Immersion Informational Parent Meeting* on Wednesday, January 31st at 5:30p in order to address questions from parents and guardians about their students in this program. Information from this meeting will be posted on Ms Reed's Canvas Page for parents and guardians who are unable to attend.

- Elementary School (6th) Course Selection is Jan 29-Jan 31 and will follow the same format as the other grade-levels.
**Back to School Night coupled with 2 hour late start first day of school is hard for working parents/maybe offer a movie in the Auditorium/Basketball in the gym for those that need to arrive early.*

- College and Career Week will take place March 25-March 20.

- The end of year Carnival is scheduled for Thursday, May 23rd. PTSA will be reaching out for volunteers closer to that date.
- Vertical alignment has become increasingly stronger over the last three years; multiple meetings have taken place between Bennion Jr high School with both Taylorsville High School and our four elementary feeder schools.
**Pathways-know Elementary demographics, etc. Know better the kids coming & able to support them better.*
- 9th Grade Course Selection at Taylorsville High went well and the 8th grade counselor reached out to every student and/or family multiple times to hold CCR meetings with 8th graders In regard to the BJH kids, Dani Natter reported that:



4. Principal Report / School and TrustLands/Digital safety/Health and safety/Positive Behavior plan/ Update / Business:

5. Review 2023-24 School Plan and share out current spending levels:

**Did not spend enough money. Para-professionals/struggle to hire. \$30,000 increase in software spending/cycle every 5 years. Chrome book carts increased the cost, also repairs increased since “not my chromebook” is the problem.
USBE- Median MGP grew by 4.5% Great numbers!*

6th Grade ELA grew above average- \$30,000 Salary moved to use for technology reallocated- but in plan.

\$150,663 spent

\$137,900 allocated

2024-25 School Plan Introduction:

6. Next Meeting: *Discuss goals & plans for next year/spending stay the same*

Social Worker is a definite NEED

½ Teacher FTE

7. Other Items / Questions for the Community or Council Members: *February Meeting- come prepared with ideas/thoughts on spending. Ex. THS Teacher Grants*

8. Assignments / Issues to discuss at the next meeting:

Motion to adjourn: Angela

Seconded: Rachael

All in favor: Yes

Next meeting: 02/28/2024