



WJHS School Community Council Meeting minutes

Location: WJHS Alumni Room

Date: 10-27-2020

In Attendance

Administration: Jim Birch & Mike Hutchings

Counselor: Helen Brown

Parents: Wendy Brown, JoLynne DiFrancesco, Doris Hunt, Janis Johnson, Matt Johnson, Alison Lucas, Megan Myers, Andrea Robinson, Tiffany Southworth, Michelle Whitchurch

Teachers: Robyn Briggs, Kristie Clawson, Britnee Eng, James Myers, Natalie Nielsen, April Winegar

Time: 5:00 p.m.

Agenda items

- I. Welcome – Michelle Whitchurch – President
- II. Elections for Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary – Chair: Tiffany Southworth, Vice Chair: Michelle Whitchurch, Secretary: Kristie Clawson; Michelle Whitchurch 1st and Wendy Brown 2nd
- III. Approval of Jan. 2020 Minutes – Tiffany Southworth 1st and Wendy Brown 2nd
- IV. IB Update: Mike Hutchings – IB visit November 16-17 and would like to speak to parents as well as teachers. Mike and/or Jenicee will contact parents to speak with IB Committee.
- V. Counseling Center Update – Helen Brown
 - a) Completing several class changes. Both in person to virtual and virtual to in person
 - i) More students wanting to come back to in person than students wanting to go to from in person to virtual
 - b) Conducting PCCRs right now both in person and virtual
 - i) Sending out Skyalerts to parents to encourage them to attend these meetings with their students
 - ii) Asked parents to spread the word encourage them to attend because several parents are not attending
 - c) College application week (Oct. 4-9) – Many colleges waived the application fee.
 - d) Site review – Counselors are making sure that they are meeting the needs of students and being fair and equitable.

VI. West Jordan Update – Jim Birch

- a) COVID report/plans
 - i) Board of Education gave each school money for COVID equipment. WJHS will be using the money to purchase 50 hotspots for internet reception.
 - (1) Students can check out hotspot if they do not have internet access at home.
 - (2) Last closure WJHS had 10-15 students needing to access the schools internet. Some students would not check out Chrome Books because they did not have internet access at home.
 - (3) Hotspot will be protected by the district's malware and filters to avoid inappropriate content
 - (4) Cost will be approximately \$350
 - ii) Jordan District School Board was asked to set procedures to soft closers so schools won't need to wait for them to meet and make a decision (i.e., what to do when schools reach 1% and 2% positive cases)
 - iii) Tiffany appreciated the teachers' letters that were submitted to the Board.
 - iv) Tiffany appreciated the scheduled Zoom meetings teachers held to meet with students during the soft closure
- b) School Construction Needs
 - i) No bathroom facilities for Soccer, Softball, Lacrosse, etc. Bidding is happening right now to build a bathroom and storage facility between the softball and soccer fields.
 - ii) Still working on the Dance classroom floor. No one would bid the dance floor because of the springboard underneath the floor.
- c) School Successes
 - i) We are surviving
 - ii) Volleyball team are region champs!
 - iii) Cross-country are region champs!
 - iv) Band is in the state championship this week at Pleasant Grove
 - v) Jim encouraged parents to come see our performing arts
 - vi) Tiffany appreciated the live feeds of performing arts during last year's closure
 - vii) WJHS is looking to purchasing a live stream channel
 - viii) Natalie gave a shout out to Jim Bernini for helping Dance Co. create a performance video.
 - ix) WJHS is moving to black graduation gowns with Columbia blue stripes on the sleeves for all graduates.
 - (1) Wendy asked that the gowns are shown to students and parents before graduation
 - (2) Jostens will have an example for students to see

VII. Upcoming School Community Council Meetings – Michelle Whitchurch

- a) 2020 Fall Training: October 28, 2020 – See flyer for links
- b) November 18, 2020
- c) January 27, 2021
- d) March 17, 2021

VIII. Closing Remarks & Questions – Michelle Whitchurch

- a) April asked if anyone can join SCC meeting during the year because she would like to get a parent to represent our Spanish community.
 - i) Yes, parents can join the meetings at any time
 - ii) Encourage students to ask parents to join
- b) Megan appreciates the Friday schedule as Fridays allow students to get extra help and time to complete assignments. Jim asked parents to email Jen Attwood to make the Board aware that parents are happy with this schedule