

# WJHS School Community Council Meeting

Minutes for December 2, 2020

5:00pm WJHS Alumni Room

**Welcome:** Chair Tiffany Southworth

**Attending:** Principal James Birch, Assistant Principal Michael Hutchings, Counseling—Helen Brown, Teachers—James Myers, Robyn Briggs, Britnee Eng, Natalie Nielsen, Parents—JoLynne DiFrancesco, Matt and Janice Johnson, Alison Lucas, Michelle Whitchurch, Tiffany Southworth, Andrea Robinson, Megan Meyers, Doris Hunt, Jen Atwood

**Approval of Minutes** from October 2020 SCC Meeting: Motion to approve—JoLynne DiFrancesco, 2<sup>nd</sup> James Myers, approved by SCC

**School Guidance Report:** Counselor Helen Brown

Dec 2 was deadline to request change to or from on-line or in-person learning. Charity Drive fundraiser for WJHS will be “in-house” supporting WJHS families and principals pantry/store. Walmart provided a grant for several students (\$115 each) for sub-for-Santa shopping. Specific items (including new and gently-used clothing and coats) and money will be accepted, as well as an Instagram auction. Advertising will be done within the school community, including the WJ Journal, and postcards sent to boundary area households. Odd Jobs will not be done this year due to COVID precautions.

**IB Update/Report:** Natalie Nielsen

- Zoom authorization calls with parents, teachers, site coordinators, and others have occurred.
- Super podcast with Dr. Godfrey has been created for “advertising” to JSD Community.
- Several handouts were shared with FAQ’s, Course Offerings, and Summary of IB info.
- WJHS is currently an “IB Candidate School”, hoping soon for approval to begin 2020-2021 as IB school.
- IB Program has courses, diploma option, international “flavor”, critical thinking, time management skills, available college credit, increased college grad rates, 2-year commitment for IB diploma, student-led learning, language component, art and dance elective, and much more.
- WJHS was chosen by JSD as great candidate for IB due to our student academic success and community diversity and opportunities for growth.
- Eligible Coursework for current 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade students, permits will be accepted, if spots are available to other JSD students, but only for their time in the IB program.

**West Jordan Update:** Principal James Birch

- Construction/Updates: Out-building for stadium area is out for bid through JSD, to include bathrooms, ice room, etc.
- COVID Updates—Mr Birch, with added input from Jen Atwood (JSD Board Member): JSD Board has approved added role/decision-making for Superintendent Anthony Godfrey to help decide possible school closures if certain COVID criteria occur, such as 1% active cases or 15 cases, whichever # is larger, 10% quarantine rate (of students, though staff #s are also considered), 20% absenteeism rate (days in a row). Each school is evaluated individually.
- Wifi Hotspots: WJHS has 50 mobile hotspots available for check-out to students

- Possible On-Line Graduation: Likely to happen again this year, with a grad parade, students able to walk across a stage (videoed), a few changes/improvements after parents/community feedback
- COVID Testing: Testing begins on Friday (December 4) mornings for student teams/groups such as athletic teams, performing groups, etc. Tests will be the rapid test with results in 15 minutes or so. The tests will be administered by school nurses. More tests may mean more positive COVID results, but will allow more specific/targeted quarantine practices by group/team, and more effective contact tracing. Team coaches, staff, and group directors will also be tested.
- School Successes: School in session again, in person, after another great round of on-line/synchronized learning.

**Upcoming School Community Council Meetings:** Assistant Principal Michael Hutchings

- January 27, 2021, 5:00pm Plan Land Trust \$
- March 17, 2021 5:00pm Finalized Land Trust Plan
- Continuing Land Trust goals:
  - 1) Increase Graduation Rates
  - 2) Improve College/Career Ready Culture
  - 3) Increase Technology Access within classrooms and at-home learning, goal to have one-to-one chromebooks or similar for student use. (WJHS has received 4 of 10 currently ordered chromebook carts (loaded with chromebooks) so far this school year)

**Closing Remarks and Questions:** Chair Tiffany Southworth

Please send along any additional questions or future agenda items to Tiffany Southworth or Michael Hutchings

**Motion to Adjourn Meeting:** 1<sup>st</sup> Jen Atwood, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tiffany Southworth

Notes Taken and Minutes Prepared by SCC Vice Chair Michelle Whitchurch