

JPJMS School Community Council Meeting Agenda

September 21, 2021

4:30 p.m.

Welcome

Minutes from previous meeting (March 18) approved via email

Introductions

Cody Curtis: Dress Code

Celebrations and Latest News

Counseling

Review Rules of Order and Procedure

Voting: Members/ Chair/Vice-Chair

Principal's Report: School Goals for 2021-22

Covid Update

Safe Walking Route: 9th grade access to High School: Bridge

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Next meeting – November 16?

Adjourn

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Those in attendance: Jimmy Anderson, Shanna Anderson (Chair), Andrea Banks (Vice Chair), Marsha Boyd, Stephanie Cousins, Barbie Curtis, Lisa Dean, Kira Hansen, Dawnel Hayes, Elizabeth LeFevre, Bryan Leggat, Patrice Shaffer (Secretary), Jill Smith, Josh Stott, Barbara Young and Cody Curtis.

Called to order at 4:37 p.m. by Shanna Anderson

1. **Welcome** by Shanna Anderson
2. **Minutes from previous meeting (March 18) approved via email.** There are 19 members of the Community Council; 12 approved the minutes and 7 offered no response. Patrice Shaffer encouraged members to respond when they receive the minutes we need to have enough responses to be in compliance.
3. **Introductions.** Shanna had each person present introduce themselves.
4. **Cody Curtis: Dress Code.** Cody Curtis presented a video on proposed changes to the dress code policy. Discussion was held and Mr. Curtis answered questions that were

raised. He explained that there is no rush to implement the new policy and are asking for input from all stakeholders. Parents expressed appreciation for the gender-neutral vocabulary and the emphasis on “disruptive” and not “distraction.” Concern was raised on the guidelines for graduation dress and felt it singled out a specific group. Others mentioned wearing a large number of leis poses a safety concern because they block the student’s sight. Mr. Curtis encouraged parents to give feedback at dresscode@jordandistrict.org

5. Celebrations and Latest News.

- a. Bryan Leggat explained that a social and emotional survey is given to students periodically and indicated a large number of students last year did not feel they belonged at the school. As a result, the school theme for this year focuses on Belonging (“I Belong Here”, “We Belong Here” or “You Belong Here.”) Signs and t-shirts with the belonging theme have been available to promote this theme. A recent survey indicates that the feeling of belonging is up by several points since last year.
- b. Mr. Leggat explained WIN Time and the Ediciency program and the improvements from the previous RTI program. A question was raised about whether there is a need to have parents come and help with WIN time opportunities.
- c. Mr. Leggat says that middle schools are now able to offer clubs. Clubs need to have an advisor and a charter. He explained that this will be another opportunity for students to gain a sense of belonging.
- d. Joshua Stott explained that Leadership groups have been very helpful. He also praised the Ediciency program. Mr. Stott said that it is good to see smiling faces again. It was mentioned that whether or not a student or teacher is wearing a mask has not been an issue.

6. Review Rules of Order and Procedure. Jimmy Anderson reviewed briefly the rules of order and procedure, making and seconding motions.

7. Voting: Members/ Chair/Vice-Chair. MOTION: Andrea Banks moved that Shanna Anderson be nominated as the Community Council Chair. Shanna accepted the nomination. It was seconded and approved unanimously. **MOTION: Patrice Shaffer nominated Andrea Banks to be the Vice-Chair.** Andrea accepted the nomination. It was seconded and approved unanimously. **MOTION: Andrea Banks moved that Patrice Shaffer be nominated as Secretary.** Patrice accepted the nomination. It was seconded and approved unanimously.

8. Counseling Report by Jill Smith.

- a. Ms. Smith mentioned that students have said that they want to know how to handle stress and anxiety, have career information, information on how to pay for college, and are concerned about relationships and having friends.

- b. She explained that the counselors gave introduction presentations to the 7th graders in the Language Arts classes and will be doing presentations in the College and Career Awareness classes each quarter starting next week.
- c. Counselors will start PCCR's with the 8th grade classes in November which they want to complete before students do course selection for next year.
- d. They will also be doing scholarship presentations to the 9th grade in the Language Arts classes where they will focus on "1, 2, 4 or More." She mentioned that the JATC will hold an open house to explain their programs and 9th grade parents usually get invitations.
- e. Some universities are accepting student tours again. They plan on taking 40-45 students once per quarter starting with the University of Utah next month. Counselors are also working with UVU for a tour and maybe a private industry such as Boeing and Merit Medical.
- f. This week has been Suicide Awareness week with videos and activities throughout the week. Still need to do more teaching about the SafeUT App and giving introductions to My3 app (identifying three people you can call if you are in crisis).

9. Principal's Report:

- a. **School Goals for 2021-22.** Bryan Leggat explained that school goals for this year covers three areas – Reading, Student Engagement, and Proficiency Standards increase.
- b. **Covid Update by Joshua Stott.** Mr. Stott explained that we currently have 10 active covid cases. When the school reaches 30, the school will enter a test-to-stay format for 10 days. He mentioned that the school is still doing contact tracing with the large majority of information coming from the Health Department. He mentioned that the district has testing locations in the evening at Elk Ridge Middle School (variety of tests available) and South Hills Middle School (rapid tests).

10. Safe Walking Route:

- a. **9th grade access to High School: Bridge.** Parents expressed interest in having a bridge over the canal giving students shorter access to West Jordan High. They would like to know who to talk with and the procedures to follow. Bryan expressed that power for change is with the parents. They can work with the Safe Walking Route Committee. The report is due at the beginning of the year. The city has a relationship with the canal company, but the company might have liability concerns. Easement and water drainage were also mentioned as factors. Mr. Stott volunteered to survey the 9th grade students to see how many would be in need of utilizing the bridge if one was put in place.
- b. It was mentioned that the cross walk at 3200 W. and 7800 S. is very dangerous. Other dangerous spots were discussed. Parents would like to know who to contact to get a blinking light placed at dangerous intersections.

- c. It was also mentioned that there is talk of getting rid of crossing guards at secondary schools. The Police department is in charge of Safe Routes and crossing guards. Sgt. Jordan Smith and his superior Lt. Brandon Turner would be the ones to contact. Discussion of this problem will be kept on the agenda to discuss at the next meeting.
11. **Future meeting times/dates.** Meetings will be held on Tuesdays at 4:30 p.m. in the Media Center. Dates of meetings for this year are – September 21st, November 16th, January 25th, and March 15th.
12. **Calendar.** Joshua Stott provided a handout listing upcoming events for October and November.
13. **Opportunity for Community Comments.** Question was raised on the Devious Lick fad. Mr. Leggat said that the problem is slowing down.
14. **Next meeting** – will be held November 16, 2021.
15. **Adjourn. MOTION: Andrea Banks moved to adjourn the meeting.** It was seconded and approved unanimously.

Adjourned 6:18 p.m.