



Mountain Ridge Junior High
School Community Council Meeting Minutes
January 18, 2018

In Attendance:

Mark Whitaker

Karen Rasmussen

Ashley Berg

Heather Morgan

Ryan Nield

Lisa Gallagher

Robyn Rhoton

Tiraje Earnshaw

Sherry Kramer

Marie Pavich

Amber Gardiner

Amber Bonner

Briawna Hugh

Amy Mullins

Jamie Ward

Co-Chair Heather Morgan conducted the meeting. A motion was made by Marie Pavich to approve the minutes from the November SCC meeting. The motion was seconded by Amber Bonner; all were in favor and the motion was unanimously carried.

Principal Mark Whitaker discussed digital citizenship, which falls under the responsibility of the SCC. Our 7th graders are taught digital citizenship using NetSmartz internet safety curriculum in their keyboarding and CTE classes. Eighth graders are likewise taught in their Health class. Our PTSA would like to have a formal NetSmartz assembly for all of our students, but this is hard to do with over 1,400 students. Mr. Whitaker presented some options to the SCC:

1. Continue with current NetSmartz curriculum being taught in 7th and 8th grades;
2. Have an assembly during DEAR time, one for each grade level; or
3. Have a 9th grade assembly since they are the only grade level not currently being taught NetSmartz curriculum.

NetSmartz is a State-sponsored internet safety program available at no cost. Teachers have felt that classroom discussions are more beneficial, however the PTSA president had the opportunity to attend a NetSmartz presentation at another middle school and thought the presenter was awesome, straight-forward, and held good command of the audience.

Mr. Whitaker will contact NetSmartz about the possibility of coming on three separate days to present their information during grade level assemblies. If this is not possible, he will schedule a 9th grade only assembly.

Mr. Whitaker next discussed amending the current Trustlands budget so that our three hourly teachers can be paid from these funds. Paying these hourly teacher salaries with Trustland money is appropriate because hiring these two math teachers and one creative writing teacher align with our goals of improving math and English SAGE scores. This will be a significant alteration to our Trustland budget allocations, therefore Mr. Whitaker wants the SCC to vote on

this reallocation of funds. A copy of the proposed amended budget is attached to these minutes. This reallocation is necessary because MRJH did not have FTE savings.

A motion was made by Sherry Kramer to approve the reallocation of Trustland funds to pay for three hourly teachers. The motion was seconded by Ryan Nield; all were in favor and the motion was unanimously carried.

Co-Chair Heather Morgan asked SCC members for preliminary goals for next year. The Trustland money that we spend must be directly related to the goals that we set. Our goals this year are:

1. Increase math SAGE test scores by 5% across all grade levels;
2. Increase English SAGE test scores by 5% across all grade levels;
3. All 7th grade students reading at grade level by the end of the school year; and
4. 60% of students on honor roll (3.7 + GPA), less than 5% of 9th graders credit deficient as they move on to high school.

At faculty meeting, Mr. Whitaker asked teachers to think about next year's goals and to provide him their input. We can start talking about these goals now and identify them at our next meeting, then in March vote on next year's budget/goals. The Trustlands final report is due in April.

SAGE testing is currently the only comparative form of assessment available. Some question the validity of SAGE data due to some lack in parent support and student effort. According to our SAGE test results, our greatest areas of academic need are in math and English. This will be the last year that the SAGE test is administered. It will be replaced with another test next year.

A community comment was shared regarding why both sides of the street on 5600 West beside the track oval are painted red. The City did this because with cars parked on both sides of the street there is not enough room for emergency vehicles to safely pass.

Additional community feedback was shared regarding the bathrooms in D Hall which are the only ones available to use during school events. Mr. Whitaker will make sure all sinks and toilets are in working order and that the restrooms are clean.

The members were thanked for their attendance and participation. Members who have items they wish added to next month's agenda, please email them to Mr. Whitaker, Heather Morgan, Lisa Gallagher, or Shelly May. With no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:40 p.m. until the next regularly scheduled SCC meeting on Thursday, February 15th, at 1:30pm in the MRJH media center.

2017-18 Proposed Budget Revision

\$129,000

Certified Teacher	\$72,000	(\$42,000)
• Extra Periods Math/English (class size)		
• Creative Writing		
Substitute Teachers	\$3,000	(\$3,000)
• Grading Days (\$2,400 to grade major assignments that require individual feedback for students)		
• Professional Development (\$3000)		
Hourly Certified	\$6,000	(\$7,000)
• Summer Collaboration		
Hourly Aide	\$18,000	(\$28,000)
• Achievement Center		
• ZAP		
• Guided Studies		
Benefits on Accounts (24.5%)	\$24,255	(\$19,000)
Contracted Services	\$3,000	(\$6,000)
• Professional Development		
Supplies	\$2,700	(\$3,000)
• Books for Read 180		
• Planners for A.C.		
Equipment	\$0	(\$21,000)
• Technology/Software (Ascend, MC, Canvas)		
• iPads, Chromebooks		
 <u>Total Expenses Above</u>	 \$128,955	