

## 9-19-2017 Hillside Middle School S.C.C. Meeting Notes

### **SCC Business**

- Introductions
- Elections: All present were unanimously voted in as SCC board members.
- Lacy Egbert- chair, Rachel Jones - vice chair, Jenny Kearl – Secretary were also unanimously approved
- Meeting Schedule for 2017-18 School Year – discussed and approved

### **SIC/Counselor/School Representative Report:**

- The school counselor discussed that 7<sup>th</sup> graders will have counseling days of Oct 10<sup>th</sup> and Oct 12<sup>th</sup>. Eighth graders will have individual conferences beginning the end of October running thru December or early January
- There are now two full-time counselors, which is creating some changes

**Community Interests:** none

### **Principal Report:**

There are a few new teachers this year. The Spanish teacher Mr. Kunkel is also working on his digital literacy. He, along with another teacher are taking the endorsement training classes for the program they are teaching. The Digital Literacy class was required by USBE to be implemented by the 2019 school year, but could be implemented sooner. Hillside chose this year to be able to use FTE funding more efficiently. By using teacher retirements, we could shift FTE staffing and help cover the cost of this new program.

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- Absents/Tardies:
  - Mr. Kunkel is also helping with the absents/tardies problem that exists specifically in first period. He has been greeting with students and getting to know them and how he can help them arrive on time to school. There seem to be small improvements.
  - Trying “Be Here Bucks”, which is a \$5 gift card to local food locations. A drawing is held weekly. If the student drawn has not had an absent or tardy, they are given the gift card. If they have, the money rolls over to the next week.
  - “First to First” program involves looking at each class and if they have had no absents or tardies, they would receive an award party. There has only been one class so far to achieve this.
  - Also, the gym is open at 7:30 for students that need to be dropped off early by parents.
- Held the ribbon cutting of the inclusive playground for our students with special needs. They have really enjoyed having a place they can use.
- Student Motivation with Standard Based Grading:
  - This is a rubric that is looking at effort and involvement in class along with a focus on learning, rather than earning (a particular grade). And may start with a low number and as students learn the concept the number goes higher
  - Currently about 10 teachers are researching and testing this type of grading
  - There was a parent discussion about what our kids have been saying and concerns. Parents are encouraged to email their thoughts/questions/concerns to the teachers.

- Principal will notify whole school about the program when/if it is officially implemented, but teachers currently testing it may be asked to send out a description of it to parents of students in those classes

**PTA Report:** none

**District/School Board Report:** none

**Other:**

- Noted that there is currently not a Whittier or Nibley representative on the SCC board. We would like to include those voices in decisions.

**Present at Meeting:** Cari Fifield, Rachel Jones, Sonal Kerr, Jenny Kearl, Tony Coda, Landon Clark, Piper Jones, Melina Ramos, Bruce P. Simpson, Mindi Rich, Monty Eyink, Sarah Trefethen, Lacy Egbert, & Holly Moss Rosen

***Next Meeting: October 17, 2017 at 7:30 a.m.***