

Eastmont Middle School

School Community Council (SCC)

January 24, 2013

Susan Abelardo	[x]	Jennifer Humphreys, EMS teacher	[x]
Scott Barben	[x]	Dean Lowe, EMS Teacher	[x]
Laurel Bennett	[x]	Jan Sterzer, EMS Principal	[x]
Jana Gold	[x]	Julie Taucher, EMS Counselor	[x]
Bill Haight	[]	Bruce Harrison (guest – ESP)	[x]
Sherilyn Joosten	[x]	John Hellwig (guest–EMS counselor)	[x]

e = excused

MINUTES

1. Welcome: Chair, Laurel Bennett welcomed all SCC members.
2. Mr. Hellwig started the meeting with the review of the SNAP plan (Safe Walking Routes). A handout was shared that illustrated the walking routes to EMS, along with the Upper and Lower parking lots. Minimal changes were made to the 2012-2013 SNAP plan vs. YAG. Due to the boundary changes, EMS picked up the 9400 South Area neighborhood and added a safe route as follows:
 - From North of 9400 South Area: Students should follow their neighborhood road east to 700 East or south to 9000 South and then walk east to 700 East. Walk down to 700 East to Segó Lily Drive and then walk to the school along Segó Lily.
 - Mr. Hellwig explained that there is one crossing guard on Segó Lily and that crossing guards are determined and provided by the City. If there is a street light, no crossing guards are necessary for middle schools, but would be provided for elementary schools.
 - Parking Lot drop off areas are still an issue, Mr. Hellwig agreed to be put out the cones earlier to prevent cars from driving through the middle of the parking lot for the children's safety.
 - Mr. Hellwig received 2 committee members signed approvals of the current year SNAP Plan: Lauren Bennet & Sherilyn Joosten approved.
3. Ms. Taucher followed Mr. Hellwig. A copy of the Plan for College and Career Ready booklet was shared and reviewed.
 - CCR will be scheduled for 8th graders and their parents.
 - 80% of parents participate in this meeting
 - Objective is to prepare 8th graders to be familiar with terms to prepare for High School and College.
 - CCR classes are provided to 7th graders, some of the lessons are around the following:
 - Self-advocacy
 - Organizational Skills
 - Leadership
 - Problem Solving
4. Some topics that are discussed during CCR are: goal setting, financial aid, free ACT, helpful high school courses, etc.

5. Mrs. Sterzer reviewed the Action Plan.

- Reviewed Action Plan in detail, see Action Plan handout.
- Writing goal has been updated to Literacy goal. Students at EMS are already doing well in writing. **Last year 96% of our students were proficient on the Utah Direct Writing Assessment – there were no schools in Granite, Jordan or Canyons Districts who had a higher proficiency rate! Also, our students' average individual score on the test was the highest in Canyons District.*
- Sterzer explained how the goal will be measured. She further explained why it's important for the students to be able to read and understand complex text for all career levels.
- Stats will be revised to include only boundary and permitted kids.
- Laurel Bennett suggested that nonfiction reading be included in the curriculum. Jennifer Humphrey's explained that nonfiction reading materials are typically followed by fiction based novels and are tied in with other literature (informational vs. narrative). These are not typically sent home.

6. Mrs. Sterzer reviewed a draft of the CSIP handout. It was strongly reminded that the CSIP template is based on last year's template and that the new template would be available the following week.

- Mrs. Sterzer drafted the SCIP plan based on the outcome of the November 8, 2012 meeting.
- Parent/Community Identified Priorities and needs were reviewed.
- BLT Goals reviewed
 - STEM/STEAM will be incorporated to enhance the existing curriculum in 2013/2014.
 - STEM = Science Technology Engineering Math
 - 6th graders will utilize STEAM = Science Technology Engineering Art Math
 - Extended time in classes from 40 to 60 minutes will help with lab work
 - Committee agreed that Mrs. Sterzer would draft the CSIP on the final template and members of the committee would review and provide feedback.

7. Mrs. Sterzer provided an update on the following:

- Enrollment for 2013-2014:

6 th grade	304
7 th grade	316
8 th grade	346
- Teaming – 6th & 7th grade will be split in half into 2 teams. Each grade level will share the same ELS, Science, Math & Social Studies. This will allow teachers to get to know students well and collaborate to meet specific needs.
- Saturday, Feb. 2 – Interview elementary transfer applicants (8 teachers: 2 each in ELA, Science, Social Studies and Math)
- EMS Webpage in the process of being updated. Members were asked to review and provide feedback.

8. Other concerns that were brought up:

- Suggestion was made to not only improve below average kids but also average kids.
- Mrs. Sterzer shared the stats from previous years that show positive results across all students.
- Mrs. Sterzer and members agreed that graphs/stats should be used with caution within the community.

9. **Reminder: Last SCC Meeting scheduled for March 14, 2013**

10. The meeting was adjourned at 7:17 p.m.