

IN ATTENDANCE:

FEBRUARY 13, 2017

Randy Madsen, Principal
Brett Beagley, Teacher
Dustin Shakespear, Councilor
Kami Sorensen, Teacher
Jennifer Keele, Teacher
Angie Chappell, Classified
Joelle Eyre, Parent
Barbara Larsen, Booster Club
Becky Bastian, Parent
Melanie Jones, Chair
Hailey Obray, Parent
Carma Gifford, Parent
Marsha Johnson, Parent
Erica Serrine, Parent
Jill Anderson, Parent
Jennifer Baletka, Visitor

Melanie Jones welcomed everyone to the meeting, and reviewed the minutes from the November 2016 meeting. Carma Gifford made a motion to accept the minutes, and Barbara Larsen seconded it. All other council members were in favor of the minutes. Melanie then turned the meeting over to Dustin Shakespear for an update.

Mr. Shakespear introduced Jennifer Baletka. She works through Utah State Extension as the Sevier County college readiness instructor, and is in our school a couple of days per week. She is mentoring the seniors, helping them get their college applications done, and applying for scholarships. She is almost done with the seniors and then will start with the juniors. There has been an increase in the applications for the Regents scholarship with her help. Jennifer also teaches an ACT prep class once per week at the high school. It was offered last year, but was more of a hit and miss, so this year it was decided that it would be offered to those students who made a commitment to Mr. Shakespear, and attendance would be taken. There is an increase in the enrollment in that prep class. Mr. Shakespear showed us a graph of the ACT improvements that have been made with this class. He showed 4 students, and they had an increase in overall ACT scores of 1-5 points, which is great! He also showed how other students have increased in each of the specific section of the test. All made a 1-5 point jump.

Mr. Madsen informed us that next year we will be going to a set AB schedule. This means that the same classes will be on the same day each week. Friday's will be a floating AB. This will help with Snow College classes. Our students have had about 5 class options through Snow, and with this new schedule the class options will be around 11.

Principal Madsen read a new South Sevier High School mission statement to the council. It was reviewed and talked about in a previous meeting, and also has been reviewed by the SSSHS

Leadership committee, and in a SSSH staff meeting. It states "To prepare our students with individualized opportunities and pathways in an atmosphere in which all members of a safe, diverse, and engaged small school community appreciate and strive for excellence." All council member thought that it was a good statement.

Mr. Madsen introduced a citizenship policy that he would like some input on. It is in the beginning stages, nothing set in stone, and he wanted to hear what the community council thought about it. Brett Beagley mentioned that it was good because it gives the student to grade they earned, and doesn't take that away because of behavioral issues. Joelle Eyre wanted to hear from the teachers and what they thought about it. Kami Sorensen has an issue with behavior and rudeness in her classes, and she would like something like this that is a little more structured. She also agreed that the student should get the grade that they earned. Jennifer Keele also likes the idea of a citizenship policy. She thinks that it would help increase the soft skills that people need to learn about life. Melanie Jones didn't want it to be a negative towards kids, because of other people, or things that happen in the home that can't be controlled. Mr. Madsen also talked a little about the Students rights policy and the council was ok with everything on that.

The Booster Club had funds this year to allocate to programs that made a written request. There was a really good response with 11 programs or clubs making requests.

*Drillteam asked for \$500 for a new picture to be hung in the gym for taking state. They have participated in fundraisers to help with the cost of costumes, but need help with the picture.

*Softball would like \$585 for game and practice balls, and a few helmets. They will be doing a fundraiser in March to also help with this.

*FFA is requesting \$700 to purchase a set of 15 blue FFA jackets, that could be used by those members who haven't purchased theirs yet, or for those who can't afford the jacket. They would be on a loan use only, and returned to the FFA teacher after each use.

*Science Department would like to buy new IPAD cases and stylus for the tablets that are used daily in the classroom setting. The total for that was \$234.55.

*Baseball would like \$800 for new pitching screens. These help keep the pitcher safe and secure.

*Volleyball is requesting \$500 to buy new volleyballs for practice and games. Old volleyballs are donated to 7th & 8th grade volleyball teams.

*STEM Club would like \$500 to help with a USU Physics day. They have raised some funds but not all.

*The EdNet class is requesting \$4500 for a set of Chromebooks and a \$600 charging cart, that could be used in the EdNet room.

*Math Department is asking for \$3456 to buy 80 calculators to keep in the classrooms. They have some money in their account to help with the cost.

*Concessions Booth is requesting \$355 to buy a hotdog rolling machine and a warmer. They would be able to offer more assortment during ball games, and this would be able to help all classes or clubs, as they all take a turn selling concessions during the games.

*Music Department would like \$4983.70. Mr. Cavan knows that is so much, but said any help would be appreciated.

Becky Bastian thought that the EdNet and Math requests should be taken out of the Booster Club money, and find other money. Maybe through trustlands or another fund. All council members thought that was a good idea. There was a spirited discussion about how these Booster Club funds should be spent, and it was decided that if the clubs help with the Halloween carnival, and other Booster Club activities, then those groups or clubs would have higher priority. The FFA has always been involved and so it was decided that they would receive the full amount that they requested. All other requests, if under \$500 will be given what they requested. If the request was over \$500 it would be dropped to \$500 and that is what they would be given. The volleyball team took out their request, but will request next year. Total amount given this year was \$3789.55. Becky Bastian made a motion to approve the allocated funds, and Barbara Larsen seconded it.

There was some concern about Individual State titles, and team State titles. Mr. Madsen said that there has always been a policy that the school does an assembly for the teams, but not for individuals. However, the individual who won the State title was recognized during announcements, and on the billboard in front of the school.

Melanie Jones made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Barbara Larsen seconded it. The next community council meeting will be held on March 13, 2017 at 3:30 in the media center.