



Murray High School School Community Council Minutes

Tuesday, March 9, 2021 - 3:15 P.M.

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SCC Board Zoom: Christen Bezoski, Ryan Brimley, Laura deShazo, Soni Hirasuna, Heather Jorgensen, Cheree Larson, Stacey Murdoch, Amber Rydalch, Stephanie Turner, Scott Wihongi **Also present:** LeAuna Brown, Jon Jensen, Kelly Taeoalii and Chemaris Gutierrez
Excused: Natalie Dansie

1. **Welcome:** by SCC Vice Chair, Christen Bezoski
2. **Review of minutes:** Stacey Murdoch motioned to approve the minutes and Stephanie Turner seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.
3. **Counseling/Principal Corner:** Stacey Murdoch & Scott Wihongi
 - a. **Counseling Items:** Counseling is working on finishing up student registration for next school year.
 - b. **COVID Update:** April 10th the governor is expected to remove the state mandate for wearing masks. However, the school will continue to require masks. Murray High has not had any positive COVID cases since last Thursday which is the longest COVID free period of the school year so far. The governor also expects to have children ages 12 – 17 vaccinated by August before the next school year begins. At that point, the schools might not require masks.
 - c. **Junior ACT Test Day Report:** Today was the Jr. ACT day. There were 360 students here for testing. Last year there were 415 students tested. This reduction in the number of students tested may have been due to the number of students that are doing online only schooling. Unfortunately we did not have an option for online ACT. This ACT today did not include the writing portion, nor did it last school year. None of the post secondary schools in Utah require the ACT writing, so that should not be an issue for entrance to post secondary schools.
 - d. **Accreditation Parent Interview Volunteers – Week of April 19th:** MHS is working on renewing accreditation this year. The accreditation team will need to meet with some parents to answer questions about the school. Amber Rydalch will be reaching out to members of the SCC for this. Kelly Taeoalii has also volunteered to participate.
 - e. **Upcoming Spring Events:** With the improvement in the COVID environment, MHS is planning for some spring events such as Senior Ball, Jr. Prom, Spartan Spectacular, and Graduation. Students will be COVID tested prior to the dances. Graduation plans are underway and will take place at the high school this year. The yearbooks are also expected to arrive on time and a yearbook signing night event to take place.
4. **FLEX Class Input - 2021-2022:** With the prospect of going back to a normal school day schedule next school year, Mr. Wihongi asked for SCC parent input on the FLEX class being at the beginning of the day vs. after 1st period. The council members are split on that. It was also suggested that it might be advantageous to require students attend the Wednesday Advisory class regardless of where the FLEX period is placed in the schedule. Mr. Wihongi will ask the teachers for their input on the matter and advise the SCC about the results.
5. **TSSA Budget items for 2021-2022:** This funding is provided by the state and is in it's 3rd year. Most of the money is budgeted to help decrease class sizes and to fund CTE and Concurrent Enrollment classes.
6. **Adjourn** – motioned by Cheree Larson.

Next Meeting – During the week of the parent interviews for Accreditation, we will email to determine if/when another meeting is needed this school year.