



Murray High School School Community Council Minutes

Tuesday, January 18, 2022 – 3:30 P.M.



SCC Board Members on Zoom Meeting: Ryan Brimley, Natalie Dansie, Soni Hirasuna, Jon Jensen, Heather Jorgensen, Cheree Larson, Stacey Murdoch, Scott Wihongi **Also present:** Emily Bird, LeAuna Brown **Excused:** Stephanie Turner, Amber Rydalch **Not present:** Kelly Taoalii

1. **Welcome**
2. **Review of Minutes:** Motioned to approve: Stacey Murdoch 2nd: Cheree Larson **The minutes were unanimously approved.**
3. **Counseling / Principal Corner Updates (Stacey Murdoch and Scott Wihongi)**
 - a. **Upcoming 2022-23 Registration** – Feb. 1-4 Counselors will be visiting student's English classes to present information and forms for classes for next school year. There are a few new classes anticipated for next year: SLCC Art 1050 (Digital Photo), Unified PE, SLCC Marketing 1030, and possibly Spanish 1010.
The registration fair/orientation is scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 3 beginning at 5:00pm with the incoming Sophomore Orientation at 6pm and the SLCC Concurrent Orientation beginning at 7pm. Information regarding these events will be sent to parents via Parent Square.
The following week, the counselors will visit both Jr. High Schools with information for 9th graders and then will begin meeting with 11th grade students to discuss college and career goals.
 - b. **MHS Charities Report for Holiday Season** – Student and community donations were able to help provide needed items for several MHS students and their families. One business in the community donated \$10,000 to help in this endeavor. The drill team was one group that helped shop for these high need families and it was a great experience for them.
 - c. **Starting New Semester Info – Flex / Advisor Character Strong** – MHS is implementing a new program during Advisory every other week, alternating with Spartan Vision. The new program is called Character Strong and seeks to help students with social and emotional learning. This is the same program being used at Hillcrest Jr. High and looks to be current and engaging. The annual cost for this program license is \$4,000.
 - d. **Library Books Reconsideration procedures** – If a parent has read a book available in the MHS library and has a concern with the book being available to students, the book is presented for reconsideration to a committee headed by the librarian and consisting of parents/teachers/administrators.
 - e. **COVID Updates** – The Salt Lake County Health Department attempted to complete the test-to-stay procedures at MHS last Thursday, Jan. 13th. During the testing time, the governor suspended all test-to-stay requirements due to several contributing factors including a lack of testing supplies. Of the MHS students tested approximately 80 tested positive. As a result, MCSD moved to remote learning for Tuesday, Jan. 18th as that would be a 5 day quarantine period (Friday-Tuesday). That brings the MHS Covid dashboard count back to zero beginning on Wednesday, Jan. 19, 2022.
4. **Begin School Land Trust Plan Needs Input 2022-2023 (Scott Wihongi)**
 - a. **Goal Review** – Mr. Wihongi pointed out that the majority of the Land Trust funding has been used to fund classes at MHS and he reviewed the 4 goals of the current Land Trust Plan. Mr. Wihongi suggested consolidating the 4 goals on the plan for next year into 2; Academic and School Climate. MHS had \$228,000 in Land Trust funds this year, but the expected amount for next year has not been released at this time. It has generally been a little higher each year making \$240,000 a logical estimate.
 - i. **Updated Graduation Rate Data for 2021** – MHS graduation rate for 2021 was 80.08%. 37 of those graduating seniors were a direct result of our registrar, Jen Horne, working relentlessly with them to get them through. MHS has hired an additional part-time counselor, Margaret Horton, to focus on credit recovery and graduation rates. Funding for this position is from the Federal Covid funding that continues until 2023 and is overseen by the district.
 - b. **Funding Review – ongoing needs and new needs**
 - c. **Next Step – Develop plan for review and approval for next meeting** – Mr. Wihongi will create a draft of the School Land Trust Plan for 2022-2023 and send it to the School Community Council Members via email. The committee members should review the plan and come prepared to discuss it at the next SCC meeting in February.
 - d. **Final Plan due to MCSD Superintendent on March 25, 2022**
5. **Motion to Adjourn:** Motioned: Ryan Brimley 2nd: Soni Hirasuna
Next Meeting – Tuesday, February 15, 2022 at 3:30pm in the main office conference room.