

## **MHS Community Council Meeting Minutes | October 26, 2021**

**Council Members Attending:** Cheyla Mills, Raelene Blocker, Diana Windley, Gwen Romero, Jeremy Floyd, Cyndi Flitton, Andrea Brooks, Jennifer Lance, Brennen Fuller, Crae Wilson

Visiting: Destiny Field, Luke Thomas, Adam Toone

Excused: Beth Belinski

Meeting called to order at 6:34 a.m. by Chair Andrea Brooks.

### **Consent Items:**

Minutes for September 28, 2021 meeting. Motion to approve by Gwen Romero with a 2nd from Raelene Blocker. Motion passed unanimously.

Accept the Rules of Order as presented by Chair Andrea Brooks in an email sent to the Council Members prior to the meeting. Motion to approve by Jennifer Lance with a 2nd from Jeremy Floyd. Motion passed unanimously.

Addition of Emotional Well-Being of Students topic to be added to the meeting agenda. Motion to approve by Andrea Brooks with a 2nd from Crae Wilson. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Agenda Items:**

#### ***Emotional Well-Being of Students***

Destiny Field spoke to the Council on the overall emotional well-being of students, and in particular, concerns about suicidal ideation. Reported numbers of attempted suicides by students has dropped since the inception of the Hope Squad. Destiny gave an overview of the Safe Utah app. The LCSW hired by the school district covers students in all 5 schools. The high school has close to 1200 students with 3 guidance counselors. The state standard is 1 guidance counselor per 350 students. COVID has had a negative impact on students prone to social anxiety. As the student body grows and class sizes increase, it's easier for students to slip through the cracks. The Hope Squad and SBOs are working together to identify students who may be at a risk.

#### ***COVID Update***

Crae Wilson stated there are few reported cases of COVID among students, faculty and staff at the high school. The district has a dedicated nurse to deal with all COVID-related contact tracing and questions.

#### ***Data In Regards to ACT Scores, Student Performance & Semesters/Trimesters***

Luke Thomas, the new Instructional Coach at MHS, reported that Morgan is in the top 10 public high schools in the state for ACT scores. The majority of students attend a

University or college within 4 years of graduation. It was noted that some colleges are now accepting a high school transcript evaluation in place of the ACT. In addition to ACT scores, the Administration is reviewing scores of AP classes and CT courses.

Math Lab classes and study skills classes are available to help improve grades and/or additional time for students with heavy class loads such as AP and/or concurrent enrollment courses. Intervention continues to be a critical component in building a school schedule.

On-going discussions with administration and faculty on the pros/cons of switching to a semester system. Andrea Brooks is the parent representative attending the meetings regarding the switch to semesters. Parents will not be officially informed by administration of the change to semesters until a final decision is reached on the matter (which should happen by the end of 2021).

#### ***Trust Land Funds & TSSA Grant Review; Additional Funding***

- Trust Land Funds are being used to pay for 1) text books; 2) language arts teacher; 3) instructional coach; and, 4) professional development.
- TSSA Funds are being used to pay for 1) IT specialist; 2) math teacher; 3) tech for teachers and students; and, 4) instructional supplies.
- A grant has been obtained to hire a part-time specialist for the Unified Learning Center. The specialist is available to assist all students.
- A grant has been obtained to assist with culture improvement in the school.

Motion to adjourn by Jennifer Lance with a second from Crae Wilson.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 a.m.

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, November 23, 2021 @ 6:30 a.m.

#### **2021-22 MHS CC Meeting Schedule**

August 31, 2021

September 28, 2021

October 26, 2021

November 23, 2021

January 25, 2022

February 22, 2022

March 22, 2022

April 26, 2022

May 24, 2022