

Lehi Jr. High SCC Meeting Minutes
March 12, 2019

In attendance: Diane Leslie, Amy Jacobsen, Jessica Bench, Katie Shelley, Melanie Jones, Stacy Bateman, Matt Baugh, Jennifer Brodrick, Kathy Price, Matt Anderson, Tiffany Quintero

Excused: Angie Larson, Jenny Timmerman

Welcome: Diane Leslie

Approval of minutes from last meeting (can be viewed on LJHS website):

Jen Brodrick moved to approve, Jessica Bench - 2nd, all voted in favor.

Discussion Items:

- 8th grader Holden Broadbent gave a very good presentation on the reasons that we should discuss changing the dress code to allow hats at least once a week. He surveyed 3 of his classes (8th graders) and about 17 teachers. There were only 3 students who said no to hats but most teachers said no to hats. We discussed the pros and cons to wearing hats in school. One point he made was that often those kids with anxiety will pull their hats over their eyes so that the teacher can't see their face to know that they aren't paying attention. This would be a quick signal to the teacher that maybe that student needs some extra help. We told him we would discuss it and thanked him for coming.
- LJHS Good News - Fine Arts are doing amazing things! The bands (7th & 8th grade students) received superior rating at the state festivals against other Jr. Highs that include 9th graders. Also, the art students have done a fantastic job on the mural in the hall by the Library. It is outstanding! FBLA has their state competition tomorrow so we will hear about that at our next meeting.
- Greatest Academic Need:
 - Matt Baugh talked about SAGE changing to the name of RISE but it is the same test. Lehi Jr. is average in the district in most categories but we are competitive with the top scoring schools as well since they're all scoring around the average mark as well.
 - We discussed that Lehi Jr. is slightly above average in math and science but the language arts was slightly below. He pointed out that about 20% of 7th graders are below grade reading level.
 - We were told about changes that have happened this year to introduce a Lexia class for struggling readers that seems to be helping quite a bit. We talked about making the focus for the Greatest Academic Need be on reading.
 - More numbers and how more classes would help will be provided at the next meeting so we can decide if helping to fund those classes would meet the focus of the Greatest Academic Need.

- Funding for .5 counselor - Principal Thomas said we have funding for 3.5 counselors but we've always had 4 because of having an intern each year, which means the A-C kids get a new counselor every year. This is hard for the kids. Principal Thomas talked about possibly having the SCC fund the other .5 of the salary for a counselor until the student body numbers are high enough for the district to fund a 4th counselor. This would be something we would need to vote on each year.

Open Roundtable: discussed the possibility of funding a social worker specifically for Lehi Jr.

Action Items for next meeting:

- Vote on funding the salary for the other .5 of a counselor so that a permanent one can be put into place.
- Vote on funding more reading classes/Lexia classes for struggling readers.