



Mountain Ridge Junior High
School Community Council Meeting Minutes
February 15, 2018

In Attendance:

Mark Whitaker	Heather Morgan	Amber Gardiner
Karen Rasmussen	Robyn Rhoton	Amber Bonner
Tiraje Earnshaw	Briawna Hugh	Sherry Kramer
Amy Mullins	Ryan Nield	Marie Pavich
Jamie Ward	Michelle Bagley	Jose Carrillo

Excused: Lisa Gallagher, Ashley Berg

Co-Chair Heather Morgan conducted the meeting. A motion was made by Jose Carrillo to approve the minutes from the January SCC meeting. The motion was seconded by Mark Whitaker; all were in favor and the motion was unanimously carried.

Principal Mark Whitaker discussed his administrative appointment to the new middle school in Saratoga Springs. He will remain principal at MRJH through the end of the school year, then effective July 31st he will move to Vista Heights as he prepares to open the new middle school in the fall of 2019. A new MRJH principal will most likely be made after the next school board meeting on February 27th.

With feedback from MRJH teachers, proposed Trustlands goals for next school year have been created and were distributed to the committee for review and further discussion. A copy is attached to these minutes. The district has asked that school's set Trustlands goals that are easily transferable so that they have comparative value. This is the last year of SAGE testing; a new standardized test will be put in place for next year.

It was suggested that our reading goal be revised to state that 100% of our 7th graders should be reading at grade level by the end of the year.

With the SAGE test not being administered next year, our goals should not be tied to that testing data. It was suggested that we instead update our math and English goals to 60-65% mastery of concepts in whatever new standardized testing is implemented next year.

A discussion was held regarding including our 7th and 8th graders in our general academic goal to specify that fewer than 5% of those grade levels fail a class per quarter. We have currently only been using 9th grade data.

Mark will look in to the cost of a universal test, such as the Scholastic Test, which can be given to 6th graders to help identify those that are struggling and may need early interventions. He will also talk to the English department and get some feedback from them on the value of this type of testing.

The 2017-2018 Proposed Budget was distributed for review and discussion. A copy is attached to these minutes. New requests from teachers this year include purchasing Grammarly, a writing software, for each student. Shelly May will look into the program to see all that it provides. Also requested is a science aide for those classrooms where a high percentage of students require more one on one instruction time. This budget request item would require the inclusion of a science department goal similar to our reading and math goals. The special education department has also requested Trustland funds to purchase a Chromebook lab. With smaller class sizes the estimated \$14,000 for the lab would be significantly lower, probably around \$5,000.

Mark will revise the proposed budget and goals and present them to the committee for voting and approval at the March meeting.

No community feedback was shared.

The members were thanked for their attendance and participation. Members who have items they wish added to next month's agenda, please email them to Mr. Whitaker, Heather Morgan, Lisa Gallagher, or Shelly May. With no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:35 p.m. until the next regularly scheduled SCC meeting on Thursday, March 15, at 1:30pm in the MRJH media center.

Proposed 2017-18 Trustlands Goals

1. Math--We want to increase our SAGE test scores by 5% each year.
2. English--We also want to improve our SAGE general language arts & writing scores by 5% each year.
3. Reading—We want to identify our struggling 7th grade readers and ensure they are reading at grade level by the end of the year with a lexile score of 850 or higher.
4. General Academics—We want to Reduce the number of failing grades and increase the number of exceptional grades through continued emphasis on work completion and intervention for all levels of students. We would like fewer than 5% of our students to receive a failing grade each quarter and we would like 60% of our students to make the honor roll with a 3.7 or higher each quarter.

2017-18 Proposed Budget Revision

\$129,000

Certified Teacher	\$72,000	(\$42,000)
• Extra Periods Math/English (class size)		
• Creative Writing		
Substitute Teachers	\$3,000	(\$3,000)
• Grading Days (\$2,400 to grade major assignments that require individual feedback for students)		
• Professional Development (\$3000)		
Hourly Certified	\$6,000	(\$7,000)
• Summer Collaboration		
Hourly Aide	\$18,000	(\$28,000)
• Achievement Center		
• ZAP		
• Guided Studies		
Benefits on Accounts (24.5%)	\$24,255	(\$19,000)
Contracted Services	\$3,000	(\$6,000)
• Professional Development		
Supplies	\$2,700	(\$3,000)
• Books for Read 180		
• Planners for A.C.		
Equipment	\$0	(\$21,000)
• Technology/Software (Ascend, MC, Canvas)		
• iPads, Chromebooks		
<u>Total Expenses Above</u>	\$128,955	

New Requests

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| • Grammarly (Writing software) | \$1,400 |
| • Aide (Science) | \$9,000 |
| • Chromebook Lab (SpEd) | \$14,000 |
| • Field Trip Funds (Spanish) | \$200 |

<u>Total Expenses</u>	\$24,600
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