Community Council

Jan 11, 2022

Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Principal Ardizzone, Britanie Williams, Natalie Belnap, Adam McMickell

1. Opened the meeting with a review of the Dec 14, 2021 minutes. Britanie Williams motioned to approve the minutes and Adam McMickell seconded the motion.
2. Training: We watched the School Safety Training video (link provided in agenda). We discussed how we, as a council, are addressing School Safety. These areas include Transportation, Physical Safety, School Climate, Mental Health, and Digital Citizenship. Shadow Valley has been proactive in each of these areas and is constantly adapting to address needs.
   1. Crosswalks: We gave the go-ahead to have a staff member out at the lower parking lot to help encourage students to use the appropriate crosswalks as opposed to crossing at the Wasatch Dr. intersection. A message was also sent to parents to inform them of the issues we are seeing here and ask for their support by talking to their kids about using the designated crosswalks.
   2. Mental Health: The principal has been working with Weber Services to provide an after-school program for students and their family members to get help with mental health issues. This program is still in the works but is making headway and we are excited to be able to have this as an available resource.
   3. School Climate: With the new challenges of this pandemic teachers have really had to adapt to an ever-changing environment. Shadow Valley has worked really hard to build a strong supportive system for our teachers. With the increased data monitoring, that has been in place since in-person learning resumed in the fall of 2020, the staff have been finding new ways to collaborate between disciplines and grade levels to align the goals to build upon each other and maximize the benefits to the students. Melissa Davis commented that she personally, and from her perception, our teachers feel supported and are grateful to be in the classroom with their students!
3. Acadience: The district opened up the testing system earlier in December and Shadow Valley jumped on the opportunity to get that testing done early. The results help to validate our own in-house monitoring and intervention needs, as well as, help identify any others. Our school has shown some commendable growth and the district is looking into our systematic approach for implementation across the district. Adam McMickell commented that this year, as a district, it has been more of a struggle than 2020 due to the high student absent rates and staffing shortages, so to see Shadow Valley continuing to show growth is no small effort.
4. Update on School:
   1. Science Program: Our recently hired specialist and staff assistance are kicking off their programs this January. Being hands on with science really gets the kids excited in the discovery process. The school is working on some after school opportunities for more science and learning options.
   2. Special Education: We had a special education teacher leave so we are currently looking to hire for that position. Please help spread the word!
   3. Appropriate behavior and expectations (PBIS): Due to some recent damages that occurred at the school, the staff has revisited our PBIS lessons on what appropriate behavior and expectations are for the students, parents, and teachers. Defacing school property is costly to repair and can prevents funding to go towards other projects for the students. The principal took time to visit with targeted classes to discuss the issues. We hope the re-education and the consequences of these events will be enough to prevent any further damages.
   4. District Boundary adjustments: There has been a lot of inquiry on the proposed boundary changes from the district. At this point we do not have a defined direction from the district but can only encourage parents to express their opinions to the district and watch for updates on meetings time and location on the district website. We do know the boundary changes will be defined and in effect for the 2022-23 school year.
   5. RISE testing – Opens March 28th. Interventions are happening now to best prepare our students for those tests. A big focus is on the 5th grade writing skills, which were lower than desired last year. Our teacher’s have been collaborating with a teacher at Hillcrest to get ideas to strengthen our students in their writing skills. The school has provided a few opportunities to teachers to go observe the Hillcrest teacher in their classroom. The district is willing to provide staff support as needed to help relay that information consistently to all the teachers. Other interventions are happening in the other grades as well to get the students comfortable and ready for those tests.
   6. Tutoring: The district has offered the free tutoring service through Paper for all students and disciplines. This resource has shown great turn around times especially when it comes to writing. At the high school level teachers are encouraging students to submit their college applications for review and feedback!
   7. ASPIRE: The principal recently posted a notice to parents to utilize the ASPIRE links to keep up-to-date on your student’s performance. Teachers, especially in the upper grades have assignments listed and show what’s missing. This is a great resource for parents to keep up with.

With all the agenda items covered and no more questions Principal Ardizzone motioned to adjourn and Britanie Williams seconded the motion. Our next meeting will be Feb. 8th, 2022 at 4pm.