

**School Community Council Meeting Minutes - October 10, 2023, 3:00 PM**  
**PJHS Library**

**Parties Present:** Kevin Mecham, Katie Miller, Laura Wright, Zulma Farnworth, Allison Booth, Stephanie Riggs, Jen Gasser

**Parties Absent:** Tim Mendenhall, Tammy Halcrow

**Matters Discussed:**

- Pledge of Allegiance led by Laura Wright.
- Introductions were made again for those who missed last month's meeting.
- Kevin Mecham reviewed the 23-24 School Improvement Plan. He explained the process for making the plan that there is one goal made and then at least three action items a school will do to accomplish the goal. Discussion on individual action items included:
  - We pay one FTE salaried teacher, one part FTE Salary, seven extended day pay, and one partial technician out of Truslands Funds.
  - The data we gather to measure growth is the End-Of-Level tests (Rise Testing, and Aspire Testing). The question was posed about those who opt out of testing and if their data is counted in our goal and the answer is no, we do not count that data into our goal. Another question was posed about why our goal is only a 1% improvement and why not be more ambitious with the goal. The answer was that 1% is still a significant amount of students that are reaching the proficiency rate.
  - Goals for next year will be discussed at the next meeting but we will look at the data to help us set goals. We will know then if we need to adjust our goals or keep it the same.
  - A question was posed about the Advocates and if they speak spanish. The answer is no, they do not, but we have an ML Technician that spends third period with the Advocates to make the calls and communication they need.
  - We purchased 83 new Chromebooks with Truslands money and 215 with TSSP money.
  - A question was posed if we could take more into the budget for teacher training and yes, that is something the Council could look into. We also give teacher teams 2 days during the summer to collaborate about what they would like their "Big Rocks" (must know) parts of the curriculum. It usually takes us over the budget but we take the remaining funds from TSSP.
  - Next month we will start plans for the new goals. We will have about \$160,000 in Trustlands to look at spending. This money goes off of the October 1st deadline for students enrolled full time at the school. We will also have about \$178,000 (close to \$200,000) to spend under the TSSP Funds. A question was posed if Nebo Online Students count for our October 1st deadline and they do not count.
  - Some good news was shared about PJHS. The district shared with us that we are doing something right with our ML students. We will take some time to review that data. A question was posed if this news is related to our big push last

year for ML. We need more parent involvement and more translation help. We have hired a new ML Technician and translator.

- We discussed those students who are struggling readers but do not qualify for SpEd services. Suzanne Kimball came to the school to discuss us possibly piloting a reading intervention program. Elementary and Middle Schools have specialists to help but Jr. High does not. Our teachers are on board for additional training for reading help and to adopt a reading assessment for targeted instruction. Teachers are willing to repurpose independent reading time to allow for some small group targeted instruction. The question was posed on what training teachers would need for this type of instruction and it just depends on what the teacher is willing to do and how fast they are willing to do it. A question was posed if we could pay them to do it and yes, we could, we would just have to look at goals and how we want to budget it.
- The reading assessment we are going to start using is called Capti and it assesses the 6 pillars of reading. Small group instruction will be based on the results of this assessment. We plan on giving the assessment at the beginning of Term 2.
- Our next meeting will be November 14, 2023
- Laura Wright had volunteered to go to the Superintendent SCC meeting on October 25 but now cannot make it. Zulma Farnworth and Allison Booth volunteered to go.

**Votes Taken:**

Motion to Adjourn: Laura Wright

Second to the motion: Katie Miller

Next meeting is November 14, 2023