

School Community Council Meeting Minutes - March 12, 2024 3:00 PM PJHS Library

Parties Present: Kevin Mecham, Tammy Halcrow, Katie Miller, Travis Young, Laura Wright, Zulma Pitman, Allison Booth, Stephanie Riggs, Tim Mendenhall, and Jen Gasser

Parties Absent: No Parties Absent

Matters Discussed:

- Pledge of Allegiance by Travis Young
- Review of School Improvement Plan Goals and Steps
 - Kevin Mecham reviewed the School Improvement Plan for the '24-'25 school year. There were two suggestions made: Change ELL to ML and add a 1% reduction in F Grades in Step 1. The plan will reflect these changes.
 - A motion was made to keep the plan as written by Allison Booth and Laura Wright seconded the motion. It was passed unanimously (knowing we may need to continue to fish out some of the necessary language).
- School Safety
 - 8th Grade assembly with NetSmartz Report
 - We would like to look at doing something different next year for the assembly. Students were not very engaged. We had 13 subs the day of the assembly so it was hard to have students be completely engaged.
 - Discussion of Cell Phone in Schools
 - A question was asked about having cell phones in schools and doing what the governor has asked by completely removing cell phones and not allowing students to have them in school at all. The feedback from the council is that it is great. They would like to see something like that happen in our school. Another question was asked if we thought the district would take a harder stance on cell phones in schools and Kevin Mecham didn't think they would.
 - Safe Walking Routes
 - Kevin and Jen will send out a portion of the route to each member of the council to drive and check if it is safe for students. Members were asked to drive their section of the route and check for stop signs, sidewalks, and any hazards students may encounter. Members agreed. A question was posed about how many of our students walk to school? Answer was a lot. All of Payson doesn't ride a bus. We estimate that 40% of students are on a bus. The question was asked if the back of PHS is a route? The answer was yes and the council thought maybe this was not a great option with all of the construction happening.

