

**West Hills Middle School
School Community Council
Meeting Minutes
January 19, 2023
4:30 p.m.**

In Attendance –

Principal/District: Cynthia VanderMeiden, Marni Davis, Tim Brooks, Nikki George (JSD Board Member)

Faculty Reps:

Community Members: Karen Beebe, Cynthia Hepworth, Tina Lyon, Shawn Mathis, Julie Weir

Not Present: Amanda Fawcett

Celebrations –

- WHMS held its 6th Grade “Rah Rah” Assembly today. There will be a follow up parent meeting this evening.
- Science classes have been working on roller coasters. It has been a great hands-on learning tool.

Approval of Minutes –

- The meeting minutes from November 3, 2022 were presented to the Council for approval.
- **Tina Lyon made a motion to approve the minutes. Cynthia Hepworth seconded the motion. The council voted unanimously to approve the minutes.**

Safe Walking Routes Plan –

- The Safe Walking Routes Plan can be viewed at the WHMS website under Parents > Student Transportation.
- Cynthia VanderMeiden and Tim Brooks presented the Safe Walking Routes Plan as it currently stands with the adjustments that they were aware of. The Council discussed some of the neighborhoods that were missing. The Park Village Subdivision will be added. The new plan will reflect the street name change from New Bingham Highway to Copper Hills Parkway. The chair, Karen Beebe, signed the updated plan.
- Drop off/Pick up continues to be an issue at the school. The council explored ways to make this process safer for everyone. Hall Monitors (2 new) are now helping the crossing guards. The lot that is east of the school (front) can be used after 7:55 a.m. as the busses are gone. The JSD transportation department would rather use the south entrance for busses, but this would create more issues.

2nd Quarter Data Report (Cynthia VanderMeiden) –

- 80% of students passed all classes > 9th graders 82%, 8th graders 71% and 7th graders 80%
- 4.0 GPA > 84 9th graders, 31 8th graders, 21 7th graders
- 6240 tardies > 2066 9th, 2661 8th, 1513 7th
- No tardies > 494 total, 174 9th, 155 8th, 165 7th
- Panorama testing will be January 24th.
- Overall Reading Plus has been finished by 67% of students. 51% are at proficiency or better. 24% are below 4 or more.

Media Book Review Process –

- Teachers and PTSA parents have volunteered to be part of the WHMS Book Review Team if/when a concern is raised.
- There is a concern about the online review process. There is a limit of the number of books that can be requested.

Dress Code/Language –

- Admin uses course correction for violations with dress code or language. The intent is to train, not punish. This will keep kids in class.
- The teachers will be trained on racial and derogatory language issues.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Next Meeting: March 9th, 2023