

# Fillmore Middle School

## Community Council – November 20, 2024

Attendees include:

Jeremy Teeples  
Jody Lawhorn  
Autumn Barney  
Kari Shields  
Amy Despain

Kathy Kesler  
JD Stevens  
Liza Staples  
Ian Adams

Meeting minutes from last month's meeting were handed out to look over.

Motion made to begin meeting at 3:10 Jeremy Teeples.

Autumn Barney made a motion to approve minutes from the last meeting seconded by Amy Despain.

Time was turned over to Liza Staples to present digital citizenship curriculum outline for FMS. Proposal consists of a \$3000 stipend and \$1500 supply budget to implement digital citizenship.

- Currently addressing 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade once a month during media – would like to address once per semester with 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders with two done assembly style - option of one guest speaker per year.
- Current curriculum used includes Common Sense Media, Break the Fake, Utah's Online Library, 21 Things 4 Students, Be Internet, Awesome by Google, EverFi, Teaching Books, Book Breaks, etc. – Current versions are all free – would like to explore paid subscription options.
- Currently promoting positive digital citizenship in and around the library using completed signed pledges and common-sense media.
- Further implementations will include adults in the building leading by example – using Swank Motion Pictures to view copyrighted materials, no plagiarism, locate primary sources of information, etc.
- Collaborate with our SRO on teaching students how to use phones responsibly.
- Preparation includes time to create/search lesson plans, convert lessons, worksheets into game-based learning, printing, copying, laminating, organizing, inquiring about assemblies, collaborating with teachers to schedule digital citizenship times.
- Additional expenses include classroom/lesson supplies, pay-to-download content, "Podcast Corner" with limited access computer, microphone, headset, soundboard. Tech STEM improvements in library.

Sub-Incentive – Proposal remains at \$2500 – same as last year - paid as \$60 per 5 days subbed.

Art Specialist – Schooling will be completed - Proposal includes an increase of \$10,000 from last year (From \$30,000 to \$40,000) Would like to add an additional \$5000 budget to help with the purchase of art supplies.

- Will add an additional class period per semester to schedule.
- Will help make all class sizes smaller and bring art to more students.
- Art has been shown to benefit mental / social-emotional therapy and is helpful with students who have experienced trauma.

Software – Proposal decreased from \$12,000 to \$10,000 as we purchased three-year licenses last year or they are currently being paid by the district:

- Alex
- Gizmos
- Scholastic
- IXL
- Espark
- Renaissance Star
- Mystery writing (new).

Software includes:

- Lexia – limited licenses purchased for ELL students. \$500.00
- I-ready \$3036.00
- Kids Discovery \$240.00
- Studies Weekly \$984.50
- Delta Math \$220.00
- Keyboarding.com \$632.00
- Vocab \$599.96

Faculty Meetings Proposal remained the same at \$10,500 to pay teachers for attending non-contracted monthly meetings. (50x10x21)

Staff Meetings Proposal remained the same at \$1500 to pay staff for attending non-contracted monthly meetings. (25x5x12)

Professional Development Proposal remains the same at \$4000 to offer the most professional, up-to-date curriculum to our instructors. (20x200)

Master's Degrees – Proposal to leave the door open providing someone would like to explore this option, however there isn't anyone currently enrolled in higher education. Would like to keep some monies available – no dollar amount was discussed.

WIDA test – difficult test with no guidance on how to teach what students need to know in order to pass the test. Because few kids are taking it results are often skewed based on a single students score.

Still waiting on total amount to finalize budgets.

Dress code policy will be going to individual schools instead of district.

- Consistency in enforcing (have same person / people do enforcement.)
- Bring policy up to date.

Thank you for your willingness to serve on community council. Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 18, 2024, at 3:00 PM in the Media center. Motion to adjourn at 4:06 by Karilyn Shields – seconded by JD Stevens.