



Sand Ridge Junior High School  
Community Council Agenda  
January 31, 2023

**Attendance:** Jennifer Graviet, David Gordon, Lynette Johnson, Quinn Talbot, Betsy Ray, Trina Favero, Janel Hulbert, Carol Zmek, Kimberly Cooper, Sophie Paul.

**1. Welcome Board Members**

Quinn welcomed everyone.

**2. Reading of Minutes from last meeting – Nov. 1, 2023**

Betsy read the minutes from last time.

Moved: Kimberly Cooper

Seconded: Carol Zmek

Vote: Passed unanimously

Quinn did ask about Chromebook insurance, and he is waiting to hear. It didn't sound promising, however.

**3. School LAND Trust**

Quinn said they took math lab away from 7th grade. Those who needed help everyday were put in options. Those who needed it every other day were put in a math advisory. Quinn discussed having those who need extra help in math being placed in a math class. Sophie asked a question about math lab. She wondered if it's a waste since it's a credit that doesn't count. (It counts as an elective.) Quinn said our data doesn't really say that math lab was increasing success. Dave said that we weren't really getting what we wanted out of it. Reducing class sizes is a better idea because that would help teachers have more one-on-one time with students. Kimberly asked about having high school kids tutor. Quinn said we have done tutoring with honor society students tutoring. Betsy wondered about the TAP kids. Quinn wondered about having university students come in and tutor. Janel asked about volunteering in classes like options.

**4. School Improvement goals**

Language arts: 25% proficient (before 22%)

Math: 21% (before 22%)

Science: 25% (before 31%)

This is all grades.

Our goal is to increase overall proficiency by 1% growth.

With our PLC model, Quinn is hoping we will see this growth. In the PLC model, teachers are checking for knowledge and proficiency more and more. Maybe let us encourage teachers to incentivize doing well.

Our other goal is to increase graduation rates by 5%. We talked about how attendance impacts this. How could we incentivize attendance? Can the PTA incentivize attendance? Janel said that they could look at the rules. We discussed ideas to give to the legislature to help us with attendance.

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## 5. Land Trust Expenditures

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Chromebooks are coming out of last trust funds.

Maybe we need to adjust math labs and use it to reduce class sizes.

Janel wondered if we could use it to get a new advocate. Quinn said we are looking at numbers and should have those soon. He wants to use money to keep teachers here. Quinn really wants to keep all of our counselors. Sophie brought up having more nurses. Tami is here every day except Thursday. Carol wondered if students know how to access counselors and mental health specialists. Quinn said they are using word of mouth, friends, Hope Squad, etc. Carol asked if you use role plays to help them know how to access. Quinn said to add something to the student dashboard, so students know how to access these resources. Dave said that they get lots of tips. Quinn talked about our student who committed suicide. He was a victim of sexploitation. It's a pandemic right now. Everything took place within a couple of hours. Quinn is working with student resources to develop something for parents. We need something consistent that we can refer to: warning signs, tips, etc. Janel is frustrated by the District policy, and Quinn said we have to respect the parents. Betsy said it's not just on social media. It's on text messages. Sophie said this happens all the time. Her son came to her for help after a situation on Snapchat. He was scared to death. Our kids need to know who to go to. Our kids need education.

## 6. TISSA Expenditures

See above.

## 7. School News

Can we have a link on our website with school news? The intention is to share it with parents every month. The trick is we have four-five students who have opted out.

We have parent-teacher conferences coming up. Janel would like to track how many parents show up online.

Sophie asked Quinn to talk about the parent night coming up at Roy High School in February. The parent night will be on February 20, 5:30-7:30. Laura Stack will be talking about marijuana.

## 8. Review Next Year's Goals

Kimberly looked up some things about attendance incentives, and she talked about tying attendance into academic credit. Once students misses four or more days, PowerSchool will notify parents. Trina asked how parents know if their students are missing school, etc. Maybe there needs to be more education on this.

## 9. Q&A

Powerschool at PTC how to set up. Find out if there is a flier to hand out on how to set up parent account as well.

4:20 Motion to adjourn: Janel

Seconded: Lynette

Motions Carries