

# South Davis Jr. High School

## Community Council



Date: 1/18/2023

Location: Zoom

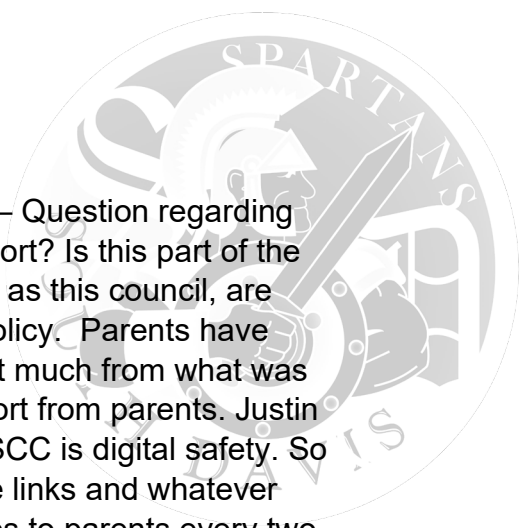
Time: 7:00 AM

Members: Justin Whitaker, Alisa Allred Mercer, JaNel VanDenBurghe, Alina Ballard, Amber Taylor, Angelica Chi, Jennifer Blake, Jessika Christensen, Vincenza Vicari Bentley, Madi Stanger, Liz Christensen, Whitney Bartholomew, John Robbins, Jordan Denos, Percy Canales

Non-Voting Members: Cris Plowman

### Minutes

1. Call to Order – Alisa Allred Mercer
2. Approval of Minutes from November – Approved and seconded
3. Bathroom Stalls Update – John Robbins- Everything has been measured and ordered. Just waiting for installation. Unsure of when that will be. Paid by school district, not school.
4. Special Education Services at SDJH – Angelica Tovar – are the students mainstreamed? Justin explained that we have two classes for our special needs students. Essential Elements, EE, class (Mrs. King) is for students with severe disabilities. If the IEP allows for students to mainstream, they are with a teacher's assistant or peer tutor. These classes are usually choir, pe, art. The other class is our ASC, Academic Social Communication, class (Mrs. Greer) and that also depends on the IEP and behavior. Is there bullying with these kids? This community loves the students in the special education classes. We have 10 peer tutors per period for the EE class and often have to turn students away from this program. Peer tutor offers the opportunity for those students to learn compassion and service.

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5. Cell Phone Policy and Outreach – JaNel VanDenBerghe – Question regarding “healthy” relationship with phones. How can parents support? Is this part of the SE program? Justin said that JSSC and teachers, as well as this council, are looking forward to the implementation of the cell phone policy. Parents have also emailed their support. The policy hasn’t changed that much from what was already written. The one piece that is missing is the support from parents. Justin would like feedback and ideas from this council. Part of SCC is digital safety. So please send whatever would be helpful for parents, article links and whatever other information you would like to include. A bulletin goes to parents every two weeks, if the council feels that it merits its own email to parents, he is happy to do that. Alisa asked that when we meet next month, please bring campaign slogan ideas and information (article links etc.) to that meeting. How is discipline going to be handled for the cell phone policy? Is it going to be teacher autonomy? Parent and teacher conversations took place. Liz discussed how teachers currently intervene and document. Parents expressed that they appreciated that there was a school wide plan in place that was already being using for intervention and that it allows teachers to “level it” according to the infraction.
6. PTC Feedback – JaNel VanDenBerghe – moved to February meeting. February conv
7. Canvas Issues - JaNel VanDenBerghe – Experienced much frustration this last semester, seems that each teacher approaches canvas a different way. Jessika explained that as an administrator they are working towards some cohesiveness. We are not an online school but that doesn’t mean that the online information should not be available to parents and students. Jessika sent out a reminder checklist to teachers, we are looking at what does “best way” look like and will continue to work towards that. Jessika was able to share a couple of teachers canvas screens. Discussion took place and it was requested that a video or something be presented for parents.
8. Call for any additional information.
9. Justin moved to end the meeting; John seconded the motion.