



## Minutes

Mountain Creek Middle School  
School Community Council Meeting  
Wednesday, November 9, 2022, at 5:30 pm  
(Media Center, [Zoom Link](#))

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### 1. Welcome

In attendance:

- Mike Glenn, Michael Wilkey, Sarah Chirichigno, Suzanne Bake, Sara Strachan, Becky Hunsaker, Debbie Hong, Alicia Schindewolf, Tim Brusseau, Amy Ward, Brooke Hyer, Jake Hinkins.

### 2. Approval of minutes from September

Unanimous approval

### 3. JPAC updates - Debbie Hong

- Many of the SCC chairs were present at the meeting last month.
- Discussed in groups opportunities for growth, improvement, concerns, etc.
- Plug for Supercast - Superintendent Godfrey's podcast
- Overall concerns:
  - Mental health
  - Safety
  - Pay for ESP (educational support staff)
  - Darrel, Jen, Nikki, Godfrey, and Anderson in attendance

### 4. School business

- Budget
  - TSSA
    - First Q, spent 62k including Chromebooks
    - So far in Q2, just a few thousand. 77% of budget remaining.
    - We plan to buy 150 additional Chromebooks at end of year to spend down.
  - Trust Lands
    - Spent 26k 1Q.
    - Spent 6,500 so far Q2.
    - Goal is to roll over no more than \$10k.
    - We have been unable to find an academic coach (formerly called tracker), despite trying.
- After-school enrichment/clubs  
The following have been approved:

- Chess
  - Cosmetology
  - D&D
  - eSports
  - Gay Straight Alliance
  - Improv Comedy
  - Video Game
  - Writing
  - Math Counts? Mike - looking into this.
  - Can we get this information disseminated to students/parents and get this added to the school website?
  - District [dress code changes](#)
    - Dress code received a radical update last year.
    - We really have not enforced the dress code unless it's particularly egregious.
    - Varied teacher experience in terms of what they've seen with students this year.
    - The question comes down to how strict do we want to be? Will our community embrace what we decide or will we have a line of parents wanting to voice their concerns?
    - Information about the new dress code was sent out to parents in the back to school details.
    - Can we send another reminder email home to parents?
    - Positive reinforcement is encouraged for both parents and admin.
  - Literature selection committees and Language Arts novels
    - All books read by the entire class are from the district approved list.
    - The books for "book club" (where students have choice of which book to read from a selection) are now being approved at the school level and will be approved by the district next year.
    - Is there a link for district-approved books? Yes, easily accessible via Google.
    - There are two different selection committees to try and speed up the process for book approval so that they can be approved in a timely manner.
    - Each parent (who has a child who attends this school) can submit up to two books for year if they have a book they are concerned about to be reviewed by a local committee.
5. Bus Permit Process - Options
- If you are an ineligible rider, an application can be submitted to request bussing.

- For next year, up until the week before school starts, all of the applications will be taken together to transportation. They will then be prioritized (based on space) for riders who are furthest from the school. After that, it's first come, first served.
  - Most driver positions have been filled and we didn't have any double routes this week.
6. Counseling update
- A wellness space has been created (the district has required that each school create one). Student must check in phone in order to use the wellness room. They get 10-15 minutes then must go back to class. A google form is completed prior to entering and then after exiting. The new space is very warm and welcoming! The space is new but is being utilized well so far.
  - Credit Recovery - Q1 grades will be posted tomorrow. So no data yet on Q1 fails, but we will target them and get them back on track.
  - CCA Lessons - counseling and CTE meet together often as they have an overlap of standards. They went into classes today to talk about stress management and suicide prevention.
  - 8th grade PCCRS are coming up. The goal is to help transition from middle to high school.
    - Astrid attended PCCR with her daughter's counselor yesterday. Great information at this meeting, parent really found it informative too!
7. Comments/Questions/Miscellaneous
- Internet Safety Assembly - really great presentation, we should inform parents about the assembly so they can continue the conversation at home.
  - Ensure that we have not been hacked again. We need to be careful to avoid being scammed.
  - Parent concern about teachers not knowing about their student's 504 plans. This is an area for improvement with our software systems and teacher training.
  - Compliment for all of the efforts made by teachers and faculty. We have a healthy, happy, and safe school climate.
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Upcoming events:

- November 9: Spirit Night at Waffle Love (5:00 pm to 10:00 pm)
- November 9: School Community Council Meeting (5:30 in the media center)
- November 10: Vision screening for 7th graders
- November 11: Theatre Improv Night (6:00 pm in the auditorium)
- November 23 - 25: Thanksgiving Recess
- December 8: Winter Dance Concert

- December 9: Theatre Improv Night
- December 13: Winter Orchestra Concert
- December 15: Winter Band/Choir Concert
- December 22 - January 2: Winter Recess