

Minutes – SCC—January 17, 2024

In Attendance:

- Garrett Andersen
- Tori Adams
- Josh Hales
- David Smith
- Nick Nelson
- Brooke Gause
- Heather Telford
- Jackie Day
- Karen Smith (School Counselor)
- Summer Despain (Visiting School Counselor)

Excused:

Conducting: Brooke Gause

Welcome: Brooke Gause

Minutes: Amanda Shepherd (November minutes, December meeting was canceled)

Motion was made to approve the minutes by Josh Hales and 2nd by Tori Adams

Public Comments: (5 minutes per person)

None

[Sources of Strength Video](#) Karen Smith (School Counselor) and Summer Despain (Visiting School Counselor):

Karen had a school counselor come and share with the council who teaches and uses this in her two schools, Sources of Strength. Teachers will be teaching wellness in their classrooms. Every teacher has a manual and online resources. Focuses on the Strength of the child, they are as follow:

- Family Support
- Positive Friends
- Mentors
- Healthy Activities
- Generosity
- Spirituality
- Physical Health
- Mental Health

Be a preventative source before we have a problem. This program helps us identify gaps where children may have struggles. This program builds upon each grade level, this program can go onto their feeder schools. They should be taught with fidelity. Each lesson is anywhere from 20-30 minutes long. \$3,000 for both upper and lower curriculum and then training \$1,500 for our coach (counselor).

Parents:

- Is this what our students need now in today's times.
- Helping give the student the verbiage they need.
- Parents should be able to see and have access to.
- Conversations that need to be had with their parents will be held with parents, teacher will not be teaching students wot subjects
- What are the next steps if we want this program?
 - Mr. Andersen- We would use TSSA money next year to get this. We need to do the groundwork and help teachers get prepared for this program. So, teachers can see the workload and what we need to do.

Teachers:

- Is this curriculum daily, weekly or monthly?
- Give the school a whole team of people working with it.
- Kids need to be met emotionally and help them understand their own emotional needs
 - There will be teachers who put it on the shelf and ignore it but if it's mandatory they will have to
- New curriculums are coming so it is a lot for everyone, but it will be worth it in time
- I can see the need for this program and is easier than other programs to do.

Review 2023-2024 Goals and how funds are being used: Mr. Andersen

All funds this year have been used for Technicians helping students in class. With full day kindergarten we have 2 designated for kinder. 1st-5th have 4 technicians for one hour each. They can use them for math or literacy help. TSSA funds cover everything else. We also use funds for our treasure tower for PBIS.

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, February 21, 2024

Motion to adjourn was made by Garrett Andersen, 2nd by Nick Nelson and approved by the council.