

Community Council Meeting Minutes  
November 13, 2023  
3:30 PM in the RMMS Conference Room

Attendance: Brian Thorne, Brooke Flygare, Monica Cox, Starr Stratford, Emily Frame, Ashley Turner, Duke Distefano, Rachel Probst, Laurel Martindale

Absent: Kirk Butterfield, Katie Baird, Keith Webb, Angelica Sosa

Minutes from the October 24, 2023 meeting passed out for review.

PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports) overview presented by Rachel Probst – RMMS Dean of Students.

Classroom management matters for students to be responsible, motivated and engaged in meaningful tasks.

The main component is teaching expectations clearly. This is a school wide expectation.

Actively monitoring students at all times, enforcing positive behavior and correcting when needed in a respectable way, are key points for classroom management.

Students are taught to be responsible, be community minded, demonstrate integrity and grit. This is organized through major and minor behaviors.

Minor behaviors are handled by the teachers and major behaviors are supported/monitored by the teachers and administration.

A flow chart was presented defining the minor and major behavior guidelines. All faculty and staff are aware of these boundaries along with the consequences.

The discipline plan that is school wide was presented. Teachers have knowledge of this plan and if needed students will be sent to ISS (In School Suspension) and parents will be notified.

Every teacher creates their own classroom rules and makes sure that they are posted for students to see. This helps students understand rules and expectations. Attention signals are used and students are aware of each teacher's sign and expectations. Attention signals vary by teacher but are very effective in helping students understand expectations.

Positive reinforcement is key for student's success and it comes in a variety of ways.

A 4 to 1 ratio is a key element. For every negative response, four positive responses should be given. Positive praise, reinforcement and encouragement changes behavior.

Establish consequences and present calmly, consistent and in private, when possible.

CHAMPS program is key to success with PBIS (Conversation, Help, Activity, Movement, Participation and Success)

School Safety Overview presented by Duke Distefano RMMS Assistant Principal – each member received a chart illustrating data for 2023.

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*We have 753 students at Rocky Mountain Middle - Average Attendance – 90.00%,*

*Total Tardies by term - 519, Total # of lunch detentions – 44, Total # of failing grades 144,*

*Faculty referrals – 22*

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Our tracking program is very effective this year. This monitors attendance, tardies and behavior.

We are making sure that you and your student feels safe and safety invites learning.

We want students to get to and from school safely, and bullying is an ongoing concern.

Brian Thorne presented digital citizenship feedback.

Each member was given a copy of the District Safe Technology and Digital Citizenship Plan.

We are working to educate students about online safety.

Our District has a very strong filtering system.

Students here at Rocky Mountain are good about reporting concerns.

GSA students are very important to us and this is an ongoing focus for us.

Each month there is a technology awareness theme. This is a new program and we are working to make this more successful. Next year the plan is to get parents involved in the technology theme.

September – Acceptable Use Policy

October – Media Balance and Well Being

November – Privacy and Security

December – Digital Footprint

January – Relationships and Communication

February – Cyberbullying, digital Drama & Hate Speech

March – News Media and Literacy

April – School Choice to revisit digital citizenship topic

The question was asked about eliminating cell phones in school like a district in Florida.

This is an ongoing topic. The more we enforce our cell phone policy the better.

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*Phone policy – 1<sup>st</sup> offense warning, 2<sup>nd</sup> time teacher can hold until end of class,*

*3<sup>rd</sup> offense phone given to office to hold until the end of school, 4<sup>th</sup> parents are informed.*

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We are constantly trying to improve our communications with parents.

Each faculty member in the District has a School Safely App that has proven to be very helpful. It makes our response time quick and effective in helping with the safety in our school. We are committed to safety.

We will postpone the scheduled learning walk to another date because of time and the amount of information that you have been given.

Rocky Mountain will be having an Art Night scheduled for December 13<sup>th</sup> and we are really excited about that.

Next meeting – February 12<sup>th</sup>

There is a great deal to celebrate here at Rocky Mountain.

Motion to dismiss by Emily Frame and Brooke Flygare seconded the motion.