

Syracuse Junior High Community Council Meeting
Minutes—11 January 2023

Attendance: Travis Warnick, Sara Ferriola, Michele Swenson, Erin Stumo, Sam Demonja, Andrea Smith, Kelly Zalit, Jamie Ellis, Nyla Weaver, Jazmin Alcantara, Juleeann Rivera

Meeting with State Legislature

- Travis and Kelly are meeting Jan 12 with the state legislature—an opportunity to ask questions and hear answers. They will report back on what they learned.

Review Data So We Can See Areas Where We Want to Set Goals

- State Report Card—we need to work with our ELL students to make adequate progress. 34 ELL students @SJH that cover a wide diversity of languages. They take a 5-hour test to determine academic proficiency. We have an English Language Development class. Would like a goal in this area.
- Behavior—we are being much more consistent this year. Fewer suspensions. Had a week of difficulties when we reduced the schedule to two lunches, but if we remove that week of data we are seeing overall improvement.

Begin Formulating Goals for the School Improvement Plan

- We want specific academic goals that can be measured and evaluated throughout the school year to see how we are doing (we don't want to wait until testing at the end of the year to see how we are doing). A program like Membean in the English department is good for tracking progress throughout the year.
- We want goals in three areas this next year:
 - Adequate progress for English Language Learners (ELL)
 - English
 - Math

Topics for next meeting: Continue working on the School Improvement Plan goals

Next Meeting: 2/8 at 4 pm in the library