

South Sevier High School Community Council Agenda September 21, 2026 3:30 PM

Notes were taken by Halee Johnson.

Welcome:

1. Introductions. Name, where you live, how are you connected with school?

- Attendees:
 - SSHS employees: Principal Hepworth, Halee Johnson (counselor), Ben Bagley (teacher), Chelsee Alvey (teacher)
 - Parents-Marissa Davis, Jennifer Hutchings, Allysa Pieper, Megan Eyre, Casey Dyreng
- We have 7 parent members and 5 school members as per Community Council rules.
- Our biggest goal-spending Trust Land funds in a responsible manner.

Counselor Corner: Mrs. Johnson, the counselor, talked about what is going on in the counseling program.

1. Senior CCR's.
 - a. Individual meetings with seniors and parents for college and career readiness.
2. Utah College Application Day @ SVC Nov 3.
 - a. Senior field trip to visit college reps from colleges around Utah. We are partnering with schools around the region.
3. FAFSA Night coming up Nov 5.
 - a. Senior event with parents.
4. Real Rams Shirts (HS, Middle)
 - a. Students were given school shirts. They were asked to wear them tomorrow and will get an early out lunch for wearing them.

Council Items:

1. Training Video https://youtu.be/s5nrcZtB_DY?si=SfsMgc6YJ1Ekz9TN
 - a. Members watched a Youtube video about the procedures of Community Councils. Here are the notes of what was covered:
 - b. Purpose of the council

- i. Collaboration and communication with admin, teachers, and parents.
 - ii. Forum for parents to be involved in student education.
 - iii. Identify academic needs and interventions
- c. The council is parent focused.
- d. Council members are elected. We've never had elections at SSHS because we don't have enough interest. Parents must have a student at the school and are invited to attend. We would have elections if interest increases.
- e. Member terms are 2 years.
- f. Election times are determined by the district. Applications to join are sent home before school starts.
- g. The chair is elected. The video covered the chair's responsibilities.
- h. What councils do:
 - i. 1-Mandatory data review.
 - ii. 2-Academic needs are assessed by using data. Data gateway is a useful resource.
 - iii. 3- Success plan/School Lands Trust Plan-we address the concerns of school employees and parents.
 - iv. 4-School safety-we support the safety of the school
- i. Website requirements
 - i. Notice of meeting 1 week before
 - ii. Agenda of meeting
 - iii. Minutes of previous meeting
 - iv. List of member names and contact info needs to be added by Oct 20.
 - v. Summary of prior year. This includes student improvement that came from our purchases.
 - vi. Dollar amounts received by the school.
 - vii. Rules of order and procedures
- j. Changes in expenditures were addressed.
 - i. There were changes made to funding for behavioral interventions and social emotional learning.
- k. Carry over in funds of greater than 10% need to be reviewed.
- l. Amendments to the plan were addressed.
- m. Ideas for increasing parent involvement were given. Recruitment documents can be found on schoolandtrust.org.

- n. Trust Land funds were explained
 - i. Land given to the state at statehood. Funds come from mining, oil, telecommunications, commercial development, etc.
 - o. Beneficiaries of funds are our students-they are our main focus!
- 2. Discussion of CC responsibilities.
- 3. School website to see required information
- 4. Committee Members to elect Chair/Vice Chair
 - a. Biggest responsibility of the chair is conducting the meetings. Attendance is important.
 - b. Casey Dyreng was nominated as the chair and the motion was seconded. The council voted unanimously.
 - c. Ben Bagley was nominated as the vice chair and the motion was seconded. The council voted unanimously.
- 5. Rules of Order
 - a. Council went over the rules of order. Ben Bagley made a motion to approve and a parent seconded the motion.
- 6. Booster Club Information
 - a. Changes have been made to the Booster Club. There is now a committee and funds have increased by double.
 - b. 5 scholarships were awarded last year to members' students.
- 7. School Land Trust -Test Data
 - a. We went over the plan and new goal.
 - b. Goal: Increase student proficiency rates by 2% in core classes and reduce the F rate to 5% or below.
 - c. Went over data:
 - i. Grade 11 struggled in all areas to meet proficiency levels last year. This reflects ACT scores.
 - ii. Intervention: We have implemented an ACT prep program this year.
 - d. Our goal is to meet state averages on proficiency rates.
 - i. Intervention: Mrs. Robinson has implemented a teacher coaching program to improve tier 1 instruction.
 - ii. Intervention: Instructional aides help students in every subject.
 - iii. Intervention: Instructional technologies.
 - e. Went over funding and how it has increased over time.

- f. Concern: once this current senior class graduates, we are projected to lose 30 students. 30 students=1 teacher. We may lose an FTE, but we may be able to use Trust Land Funds to make up the difference.
 - i. We discussed the concerns with more and more students taking online courses. The success rate is very low. It is the right move for some students.
 - g. Test data was discussed.
 - i. SSHS leads out in the district in science scores, but ACT does not factor science into overall ACT score.
 - ii. Language Arts is not tested in Aspire Plus. We are moving to the Rise, which tests LA.
- 8. Binderly introduction: What is it? How does it work?
- 9. Live stream link: check schoolbinder to get the link.

What has happened:

- 1. Homecoming Week was very successful! Thank you to all that helped with this. It really was a great environment!

Looking Forward:

- 1. Strategic ACT/ACT Mastery Prep
- 2. Parent/Teacher conference October 7, 2026 - face to face 5:30-7pm. Teachers will be in their classrooms.

Questions or Concerns:

- We discussed starting to sell concessions at JV football games
- A parent brought up Spirit Nights. She suggested coordinating with a local restaurant for a fundraiser.

Next Meeting:

October 5th, 2026 @ 3:30pm

Motion to end the meeting was made and it was seconded. Meeting was adjourned.