

Highland Park Junior High School Advisory Council

MEETING AGENDA

October 3, 2023 - 6:00 p.m.

1. Call to order
 - The meeting began with food at 6:00 pm.
 - Introduction of new members of the SAC, met the new administration (Kyle Sarka- principal & Victoria Hughes- vice principal).
2. Approval of agenda
 - Agenda was approved.
3. Principal's Report
 - September 2023 professional learning
 - Student Success Survey
 - Enrollment numbers & grade/schedule impacts, teacher allocation needs, new staff & specialists; 60-70 families attended Curriculum Night
 - Athletics update
 - Student Engagement, Code of Conduct
 - Gymnasium and Vending Machine not meeting requirements; looking at options to support sports teams with space to play; partnering with vending machine provide for snacks that meet school nutrition guidelines.
 - Upcoming Events for October – school event & conference day
4. Attendance Concerns
 - Not as bad as previous years; Rebuilding relationships with students/parents; taking a more communicable approach vs punitive. Clarifying expectations with parents on school & class attendance.
5. Community Engagement & Partnerships
 - Attending Phoenix Community Event, looking for other opportunities to connect with the community.
 - Identify immigrant communities for planning & support of community involvement.
6. Funding requests
 - Request for microscopes – using remaining SAC budget from 2022-2023; approved to proceed.
 - Waiting for grant funding for 23-24; applying for all eligible grants.
7. Public Input
 - Increased presence at sporting events, in the community very well received
8. Adjournment
 - The meeting ended at 7:30.
 - Next meeting – November 15 @ 6pm