



MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 14, 2021
FROM: Salida City Staff
TO: Mayor PT Wood & City Council
SUBJECT: Extraordinary Teen Council – School Resource Officer Survey and Student Liaison Guidelines

Background

As noted in a prior City Council worksession, the Extraordinary Teen Council (ETC) would like to establish a liaison between the Council and students in Salida Public Schools. The ETC has prepared a survey (attached) with regard to the School Resource Officer position. The current ETC liaison is Jessie Rollins, who will make a presentation to the City Council at the June 14th worksession.

Analysis

Providing empirical data to the City Council on the opinions of the student body gives staff and the City Council additional perspectives on the success of our SRO program (as well as other potential topics in the future). In addition, a regular liaison presentation to the City Council – currently proposed as quarterly – is a great opportunity to interact with, and learn from, the future citizens and voters in Salida.

The liaison position is proposed to be structured as follows:

Salida City Council Student Liaison Position Guidelines

Current Liaison: Jessie Rollins, SHS student and ETC member

- Attend Council Work sessions quarterly-March, June, September, December
- Standing agenda topics:
 - Address ongoing discussion topics and city council concerns
 - Successes and challenges related to teen mental health
 - Addressing teen needs/interests/concerns (Jessie to gather through teen councils and insta poll).
 - Access to prosocial activities (ie-fibark, how can city council support teen involvement)
 - Jessie run agenda by Justin and Dibby. Once oked, send to City Council ahead of mtg.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Council provide feedback on this approach to establishing lines of communication with students in our community.

SRO Student Survey Questions

Please rate statements 1-4 (1 - strongly disagree; 5 - Completely agree or I don't know.)

- I know what the role of the Student Resource Officer (SRO) is. (Brianna Tucker is the current SRO at SHS. The role was previously filled by Harry Peele.)

1 2 3 4 5 I Don't Know

- An SRO attempts to create a physically and emotionally safe school environment by being part law enforcement officer, counselor, and educator for students and staff. They strive to create positive relationships.

How would you rate the success of the SRO program at SHS?

1 2 3 4 5 I Don't Know

- I feel supported by the SRO (ex. During issues of student safety, de-escalating aggression, etc.)

1 2 3 4 5 I Don't Know

- I could go to the SRO if I needed to for some reason (ex. If I was concerned about my safety or the safety of another student, threats or experience of violence, etc.)

1 2 3 4 5 I Don't Know

- Would you consider an additional program to support the current SRO program that would address student relations & conflict resolution?

Yes No

- Do you have any brief constructive suggestions to make the SRO program better?

- Do you have any personal anecdotes or experiences with the SRO that you would like to share? Please be brief and factual.