

Highland High School
Minutes of the School Community Council
January 10, 2018

The regular meeting of the Highland High School Community Council (SCC) was held at Highland High School Room C110, 2166 South 1700 East Salt Lake City, Utah convening at 6:34 AM.

Present:

Chris Jenson, Principal
Sue Alder
Amy Foulks
Mary Lane Grisley
Christina Leavitt
Joan Lind
Joanne Moffatt
Tiffany Munns
Chris Rich

Chairperson Lind welcomed all attendees.

SCC Items of Business:

- Ten letters of support have been received in favor of naming the gymnasium after Coach Maxwell. School administrators will work toward getting both it and the Pat Eddington gallery recommendations on the Board agenda for February.
- Jim Boyce, Boys Basketball, previously requested that funds be raised for the Hayes Touch Foundation. This fundraiser, which was originally approved, has been rescinded as funds may not be raised for another organization.
- Consent agenda fundraisers were distributed ahead of the meeting and were approved.
- The school has received no information from the district on possible boundary changes. Current school boundaries are stable and the Council had no additional discussion.
- Overnight and extended trips for the 2018-19 school year (both in-state and out-of-state) were distributed by Mary Lane Grisley to members of the Council. All requested trips have been approved and taken in the past. Council members were encouraged to review cost per student; if a family is unable to pay the required fee, Principal Jenson will pull funds out of a discretionary budget to make sure there are no students left behind. The Council will review the trips again in February and the approved trips will be sent to the district in March.
- Actions taken by the Council over the first half of the school year must be published. Principal Jenson reviewed the activity.
- Tiffany Munns attended the meeting to continue to the discussion about students having access to personal devices (smartphones) during class and opening WiFi access to all students at Highland.
 - Tiffany provided results of studies related to increased anxiety, depression and suicide which have been linked to smartphones and the use of social media.
 - Students are often using their phones during class time and are distracted from learning. Classroom management is critical and teachers should permit the use

of personal devices when the need to access the Internet or another teaching application arises.

- Mary Lane mentioned that prior to the Columbine school shooting, students could not bring phones to school but shortly thereafter, schools began allowing them in the event of an emergency. She discussed some of the issues that school administrators have dealt with when attempting to take phones from students who are misusing their phone privileges during class time.
 - Principal Jenson noted that the WiFi connection that will be made available to students requires the student to log in to their account which has the same proxy (Internet site) restrictions as if they were logging in to a school issued PC.
 - To address the issue of some students not having a personal device when classroom instruction demands it, the school will continue to fund as many laptops as possible.
 - The Council acknowledged that the WiFi access issue is separate from the smartphone issue, however, and there may be unintended consequences of opening up access to WiFi. School administration and the Council will continue the discussion and make adjustments, if necessary. When WiFi access is announced, the school will remind students that access falls under the acceptable use policy that they sign each year and that the use of it should be academic.
- Highland Market has replaced the Highland Pantry and is located in a larger room near the auditorium. Principal Jenson gave the Council members a tour of the new market.

SIC: Nothing to report

District Report: Nothing to report

PTA: Nothing to report

Being that there were no additional items for discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 AM. The next regular meeting is scheduled for February 14, 2018 at 6:30 AM.