

**Highland High School**  
**Minutes of the School Community Council**  
**February 14, 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 6:40 AM.

Present:

Chris Jenson, Principal  
Sue Alder  
Amy Foulks  
Monica French  
Mary Lane Grisley  
Joan Lind  
Bruce Simpson  
Deidre Straight

Also in Attendance:

Becky Pittam

Chairperson Lind welcomed all attendees.

SCC Items of Business:

Fundraiser proposals were reviewed and approved as follows:

- Boys soccer – team posters
- Boys soccer – business sponsor banners to be installed on the inside of the soccer field
- Boys baseball – clinic for little league players
- Cheer – sell valentines

Overnight and extended fieldtrips for the 2018-19 school year which were previously reviewed have not changed. Mary Lane Grisley provided copies of forms I-19D: School Program Request along with detailed itineraries of each trip. Each request was reviewed and approved for the final time. Student groups and the requested destinations are as follows:

- Dance Company – Los Angeles, CA
- Drama – New York, NY
- Fashion Academy – New York, NY
- Wrestling – Rexburg, ID
- Band/Orchestra – Anaheim, CA
- Boys Basketball – Lake Tahoe, CA
- Choir – Anaheim, CA
- Dance Company – Park City, UT
- FCCLA – Atlanta, CA
- FCCLA – Washington DC
- FCCLA – Phoenix, AZ
- FCCLA – Anaheim, CA
- Speech/Debate – Berkeley, CA

- AP Environmental Science – Escalante, UT

Principal Jenson presented the following data related to the trust land plan:

- Graduation and dropout rates from 2012-2016; the data shows that dropout rates are decreasing and graduation rates are increasing.
- Freshman success data from 2006 – 2018 including statistics on total failing grades, total enrolled, chronic absenteeism, and others. The information presented shows that the freshman success program has made an impact. Principal Jenson has a new directive for student advocates to call home and help drive up attendance even further.
- Data comparing GPA to attendance for all students as well as several subgroups
- ACT data from 2013 – 2017. 20.9 was the 2017 average for Highland High and the school continues to close the gaps in subgroup categories. ACT prep and teacher focus on preparing students for this test are impacting Highland High's ability to remain above district and state averages.
- Suspension data which shows that a significantly smaller number of students are suspended at Highland High as compared to surrounding high schools.

The change from the School Improvement Plan to the Excellence and Equity Plan (EEP) was discussed. SIP is a year to year plan where EEP looks three years out. EEP allows for more teacher input and better communication with the community. There are four focus areas of EEP:

- Collaboration with families and community
- High expectations for all students
- Responding effectively to individual needs
- Providing a safe and healthy environment

The school will focus on goals that promote the mission and vision statements of the district as follows:

Mission Statement – SLC School District cultivates a love of learning in a diverse and inclusive school community committed to educational excellence and integrity. In collaboration with families and community, we hold high expectations for all students, respond effectively to individual needs, and provide a safe healthy environment in which every student can learn the academic, problem solving, and social skills required for success in college, career and life.

Vision Statement – Excellence and Equity – every student, every classroom, everyday.

Joan Lind will email the SCC survey to all members. The survey should be completed by March 3, 2017.

Principal Jenson reported that the proposal submitted by Chris Rich to name the gymnasium after Coach Maxwell has been sent to the district. The two other proposals, Dean Collett Commons and the Pat Eddington Gallery will also be submitted.

SIC: Monica French reported that the EEP (Excellence in Equity Plan) has been introduced to teachers.

The SIC has also been discussing the option of limiting teacher aids to junior and senior students, giving the option to the teacher to be more selective and requiring advanced permission from the teacher before allowing the student to register for a TA position. Highland High is the only school in the district that currently gives letter grades for TA positions and therefore changing to a pass/fail and A option or a pass/fail only option is being considered.

The 2018-19 staffing deadline is February 23, 2018 which will result in a short (2 day) lead time for registration. This fast approaching deadline is impacting all Salt Lake School District high schools but will help the district hire new teachers as they will be one of the first to post open positions.

District Report: Nothing to report

PTA: Nothing to report

Being that there were no additional items for discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:46 AM. The next regular meeting is scheduled for **March 7, 2018 at 5:00 PM.**